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## Waves Of R.A.F. Bombers Every Half Hour BOMBING OF SYLT STILL GOING ON

### HEY PRESTO! IT IS DONE

London, To-day.  
Announcement of the raid on Hornum was made in the House of Lords immediately following a speech by Lord Snell demanding instant retaliation for the attack on Scapa Flow and the Orkneys.—Reuter.

### ETNA CAUSING UNEASINESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.  
Causing serious uneasiness among the population of Sicily, the volcano of Etna is giving signs of activity such as have not been seen since 1892.

Underground noises comparable to thunder were heard yesterday, followed shortly afterwards by an eruption of sand and pebbles which damaged several houses, including the

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
THE LATEST AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE SAYS THE R.A.F. ATTACK ON THE HORNUM AIR BASE STARTED AT 8 P.M. AND WAS STILL IN PROGRESS AT 3 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

The first British aircraft to participate in the raid have already returned safely and the captains report accurate bombing of the objectives.

A Copenhagen despatch says hundreds of Danes in west Denmark and Romoe Island are watching the big raid on Sylt, which was still continuing early this morning.

The attack is apparently being carried out by waves of bombers every half hour.

Shortly before midnight one of the British planes was seen to drop several bombs.

Soon afterwards the plane was seen falling in flames and crashed on the beach; the Danes saw it blazing at the water's edge.

At 2.05 a.m. a bomber dropped several bombs on the Hindenburg Dam, and huge flames and smoke arose from the spot.

A report from the Danish mainland

roof of the seismological observatory.

In the course of the last ten centuries Etna has been responsible for the death of at least 100,000 people.

The severest eruption occurred in 1893, when toll was taken of 60,000.—Havas.

says a fire seems to have started in northern Sylt.—Reuter.

EARLIER GRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE RAID ON SYLT WILL BE FOUND IN PAGE NINE.

### U.S. & KING LEOPOLD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.  
KING LEOPOLD YESTERDAY GRANTED AN AUDIENCE TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, MR. JOHN CUDAHY.

It is semi-officially announced that the audience was connected with Mr. Sumner Welles' trip to Europe.

### GLOOMY PROPHET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.  
GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO THE PHILIPPINES IN 1946 WOULD MEAN THE DOOM OF INTEREST AND THE POSITION IN THE FAR EAST OF AMERICA, ENGLAND, FRANCE AND OTHER WESTERN NATIONS, JUDGE J. W. HAUSSERMAN, ONE OF MANILA'S OLDEST CITIZENS, DECLARED UPON HIS ARRIVAL HERE YESTERDAY.

"It seems on the cards that if the Filipinos get independence it will only be a question of time before the country is absorbed by Japan and predominating influence in the Far East will be that of Japan.

"The Filipinos fear the menace of Japan and if on July 4, 1946, the American flag is hauled down the bulk of the Filipino people will be very sad," stated Judge Hausserman, and added that there may be something in the reports that President Quezon is working on a secret plan to forestall independence.—Havas.

It is recalled that Mr. Cudahy recently visited Switzerland where he met President Roosevelt's special envoy.—Havas.

## TALK OF VICTORY —AND OVERTURES

Berlin, To-day.

NAZI GERMANY IS determined to achieve a smashing victory over the Allies in the near future, announced the Wilhelmstrasse yesterday as Hitler returned from the Brenner Pass.

The "victory" will take a diplomatic rather than a military form at first, the spokesman of the Foreign Office said.

German officials indicate that within the next few days they expect to see Italy draw closer to the Soviet Union as an immediate step towards neutralizing the Balkans and immobilizing any Allied offensive against Germany in that area.—Reuter.

### Hadn't Heard Of Sylt?

London, To-day.

The Berlin wireless says that according to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" the Brenner meeting resulted in a strengthening of the Italo-German alliance.

Germany is more than ever ready for the forthcoming events in the West, for which the raid on Scapa Flow was a very promising overture, the report adds.—Reuter.

### "All Means And Weapons"

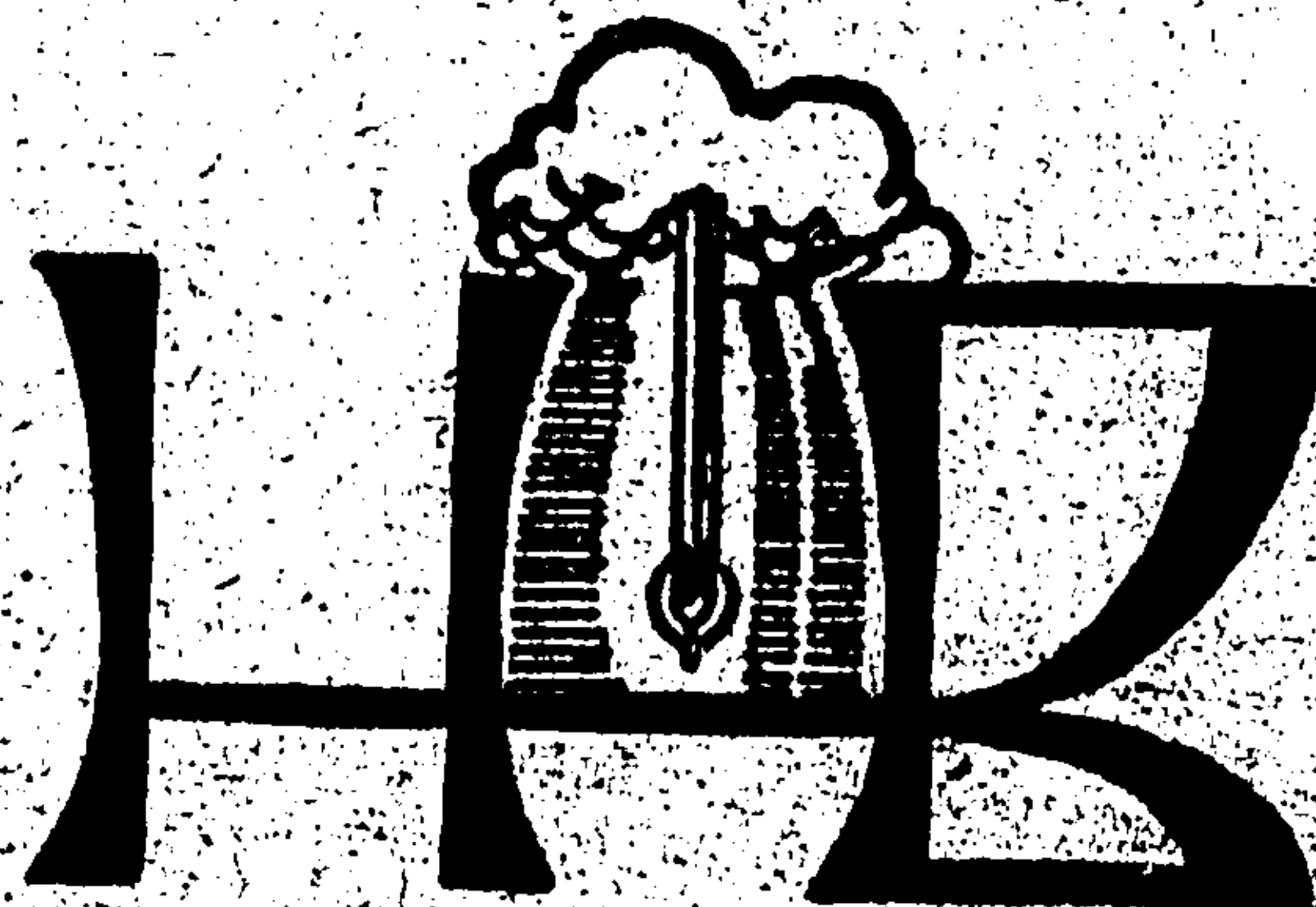
Amsterdam, To-day.

All the German press yesterday concentrated on the same theme, that Hitler's sole policy is to end the war victoriously.

"By all means and all weapons," says the "Lokal Anzeiger".—Reuter.

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## DUTCH REJECT NAZI THESIS

Amsterdam, To-day.  
Nazi attempts to justify  
German methods of sea warfare  
are rejected by the  
Netherlands Liberal news-  
paper "Nieuwe Rotterdams-  
che Courant."

The paper declares that on a num-  
ber of points neutrals have formed  
their own opinion, an opinion which  
differs considerably from the German  
standpoint.

"It is not only according to British  
reports that Dutch crews have been  
shot at and Dutch ships sunk," says  
the paper. Nearly the whole German  
procedure against Dutch ships has  
aroused indignation in Holland.—  
Reuter.

## MOUNT ETNA FUSSING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.  
Mount Etna, the famous 11,000-foot  
volcano on the island of Sicily, has  
been making quite a fuss during the  
past few days, and is now showing  
more signs of activity than it has  
ever shown in the past 40 years.

One loud 10-minute rumble cul-  
minated in a shower of rubble and  
sand and rock. Sand fell over a wide  
area. — Havas.

\*\*\*The last serious eruptions of  
Mount Etna were in 1923 and 1928.

## ROOSEVELT POLICY

New York, To-day.  
The "New York Daily Mirror" says:  
"Certainly President Roosevelt is  
sympathetic to the cause of the Allies  
and antagonistic to the cause of the  
Dictators."

"Certainly he sent Mr. Welles to  
Europe to find out how America can  
help effect a peace that will not em-  
barrass or jeopardise the interests of  
the Allies." — Reuter.

## SCAPA FLOW NOT AN ATTACK ON CIVILIANS

London, To-day.  
The Foreign Secretary,  
Lord Halifax, referring in the  
House of Lords to the Scapa  
Flow raid, said that from in-  
formation at his disposal  
there was no deliberate at-  
tack on civilians as such.

He added: "I do not disagree with  
the suggestion that has been made as  
to the very legitimate consequences  
that may be drawn from that attack  
by way of action that our own air  
force may take at the appropriate  
time."

Speaking of the Russo-Finnish  
war, Lord Halifax said: "Your  
Lordships can rest well assured that  
we shall not be deflected from our  
main objective, which is the defeat  
of Germany, by the fear that any  
particular action on our part at any  
time might damage our relations  
with the Soviet Union."

"I do not think we can define Brit-  
ish policy more concisely at this stage  
than that." — Reuter.

## ITALY COMES FIRST

BERNE, TO-DAY.  
THE SWISS PRESS ATTITUDE TO  
THE HITLER-MUSSOLINI MEET-  
ING IS BEST SUMMED UP BY THE  
COMMENT OF THE "BUND,"  
WHICH SAYS:

"We cannot help believing that Hit-  
ler's journey must have some con-  
nexion with Mr. Welles' last days in  
Europe."

The article ends: "The political  
significance of the meeting will con-  
sist in Mussolini once more reminding  
Hitler that Italy's actions are condi-  
tioned by Italy's interest and nothing  
else." — Reuter.

Glassware, valued at \$160, was  
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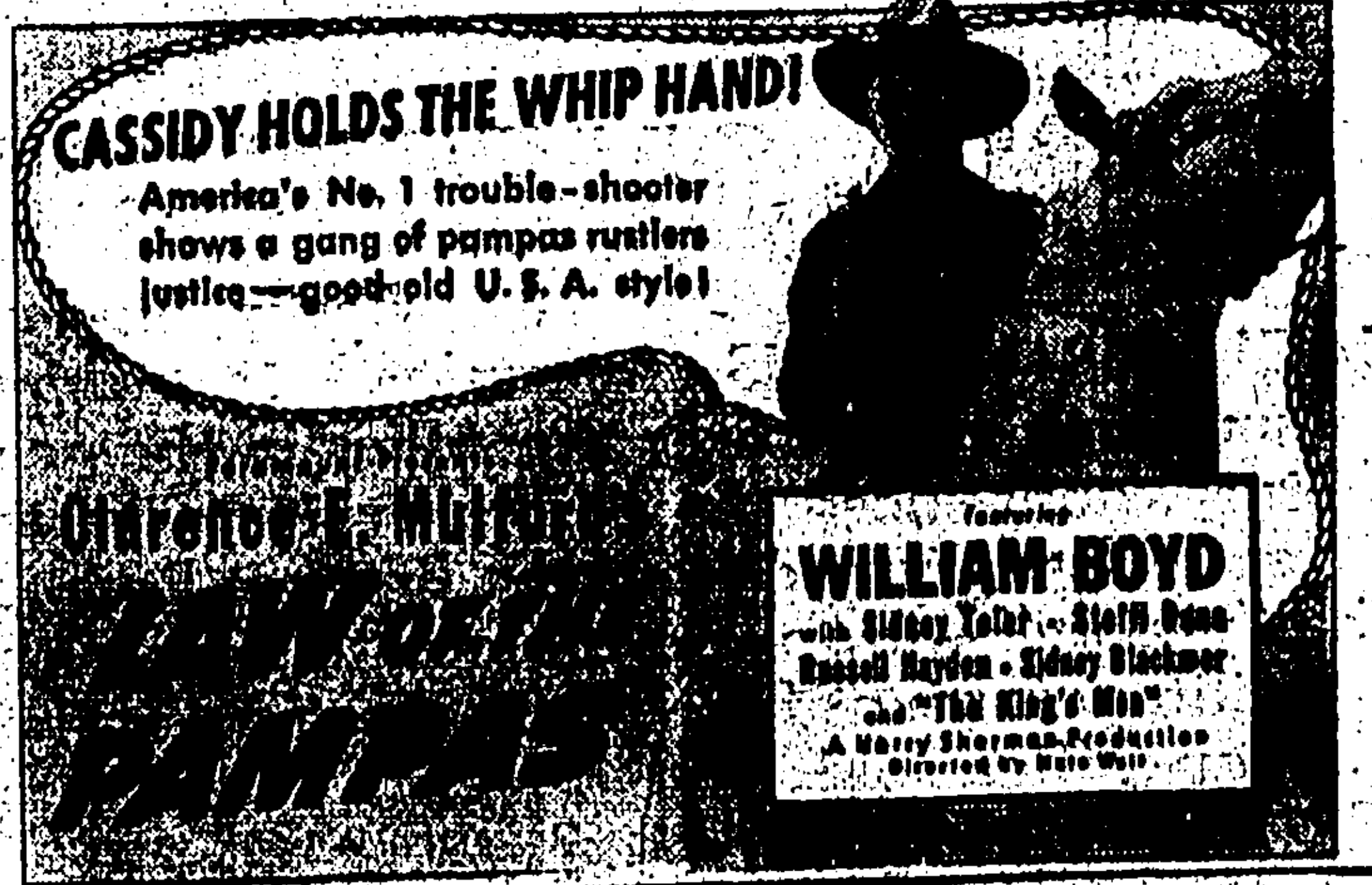
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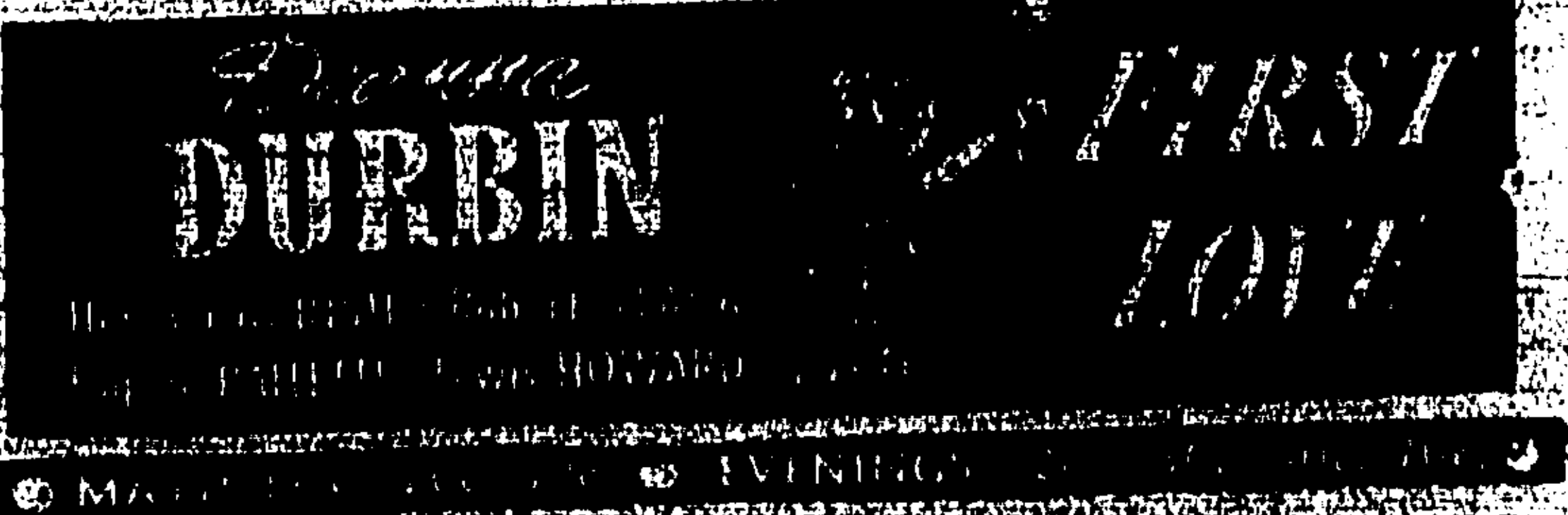
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# JAPAN WANTS TO BUY—IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

**JAPAN IS ABOUT TO OPEN** talks with the Netherlands East Indies,—talks which will radically differ from any earlier negotiations, in that Japan will this time insist on being allowed to buy more instead of trying to sell more.

THIS UNPRECEDENTED POSITION AS A BARGAINER, WHICH THE "SAHI SHIMBUN" DESCRIBES AS: "THE NEW TREND OF THE FUNDAMENTAL DIRECTION OF JAPAN'S PRESENT TRADE DIPLOMACY" IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT JAPAN, WHILE ENJOYING AN UNUSUALLY FAVOURABLE STANDING AS A SELLER IN THE ISLANDS FOUND IT VERY DIFFICULT RECENTLY TO PROCURE THERE CERTAIN IMPORTANT RAW MATERIALS SUCH AS OIL, RUBBER, SCRAP IRON AND TIN, ALL OF WHICH THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAD PUT AN EXPORT LICENSING SYSTEM ON SOON AFTER OUTBREAK OF THE EUROPEAN HOSTILITIES.

It is even charged in Japan that the Dutch Indies enforced a treatment of preference for the European belligerents presumably the Allies, thus curtailing the amounts available for the Japanese. This is said to be the more serious in view of the unstable character of Japan's trade relations with the United States, heretofore its most important supplier of oil and scrap iron.

Japan's export to the Netherlands Indies amounted in 1939 to ¥137,800,000 while Japan's imports from that country totalled ¥71,629,000 resulting in an export excess of about ¥65,000,000. Before the present international situation arose, such an excess was considered highly satisfactory, and the Netherlands Indies was regarded as one of Japan's best markets.

## SUGAR COATING

The Foreign Office trade authorities are now drafting concrete proposals on which to negotiate with the Dutch. As one of the possible Japanese arguments. It is suggested that Japan links its purchases of sugar, which the Netherlands Indies want to sell, with a more abundant supply of gutta-percha, scrap iron and oil. It is pointed out that Japan is now importing ¥16,177,000 worth of gutta-percha against only ¥132,000 of sugar, showing that Japan could do much better in helping the Indies to get rid of their sugar surplus.

Besides this "sugar-coating" argument, Japanese efforts to stress friendly relations in the political sphere, are equally pointed out as liable to lead to a better trade understanding.

Gaimusho quarters believe that the negotiations will take possibly six months until a new trade pact can be expected.—Havas.

## FRENCH WAR ON 'REDS'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Paris, To-day.

Members of the French Parliament who have been sentenced for anti-national activities will be deprived of their civil rights if the Chamber concurs in a bill passed by the Senate yesterday.

Prior to voting on this law, the Senate discussed at length the Communist and Hitlerite propaganda activities, and the Home Minister, M. Albert Sarraut, pointed out the close Soviet-German co-operation in the propaganda field.

"It is by German planes that Communist pamphlets are being distributed in France," he pointed out.—Havas.

## LABOUR CRITIC OF ALLIED WAR DIRECTION

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons debate, Mr. Hugh Dalton said that the Allied war policy appeared to lack both decision and direction.

The blockade of Germany was leaking like a sieve.—Reuter.

## HEAVY FINES FOR IGNORING BLACK-OUT

TWO CHINESE WERE FINED \$100 BY MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, WHEN SUMMONED FOR FAILING TO SCREEN LIGHTS BETWEEN THE SOUNDING OF THE AIR RAID WARNING AND THE SOUNDING OF "RAIDERS PAST" SIGNAL ON MARCH 5.

Leung Siu-choi, master of the May Fay Tailoring shop at No. 44, Stanley Street, was first accused. A Chinese Sub-Inspector, who was on patrol in Stanley Street, said he saw the lights of the accused's shop shining brightly in the street. The Inspector knocked at the door but no-one answered.

Ng Ki, of No. 30, Ice-House Street, ground floor, was alleged to have left his lights on to play mah jongg.

A Police Reservist said that when he cautioned the defendant, he ignored him.

Defendant said he had to leave the lights on because his sister-in-law was sick.

The prosecution was conducted by Divisional Inspector Smith.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of two other Chinese, Chan Kam-chuen of No. 1, Cockrane Street, ground floor, and Sun Yuk-hon of No. 43A, Wyndham Street, who failed to appear in Court this morning, when summoned for a similar offence.

## THE STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was quiet yesterday, most groups tending to ease, but gilt-edged securities were steady. Trading in the new War Loan was small, with the price closing at 1/4 discount.

Elsewhere the decline in Indian gold-mining shares was a notable feature following confirmation of the news of a new Mysore tax on earnings.

Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone has formed over China. A depression is moving east-north-eastward over the Loochoo Islands.

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## Mr. Chamberlain And the Demand for More Energy

### MR. WELLES DID NOT SEE IL DUCE AGAIN

Rome, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles did not see Signor Mussolini yesterday.

However he lunched with Count Ciano, at the Rome Golf Club, where the two statesmen remained in conversation for a couple of hours after lunch. The U.S. Ambassador was present.

Mr. Welles was due to leave for Genoa last evening and will embark in the "Conte di Savoia" to-day. — Reuter.

An 18-year-old girl was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition after she had fallen from a moving tramcar in Main Street West, Sai Wan Ho, yesterday.

### SCAPA FLOW RAID DESCRIBED AS A FAILURE

London, To-day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S definition of moral peace was mentioned by Mr. Chamberlain in his statement in the House of Commons yesterday and he declared: "It is to obtain such a peace that we have taken up arms. We intend to fight until it has been secured."

The Prime Minister then dealt with the Scapa Flow raid which he described as an unimportant affair. "If indeed," he said, "it was a raid upon the fleet in Scapa Flow, it must be classed as a failure."

"Not more than twenty bombs dropped in the Flow."

"But perhaps undue attention has been given to what happened because of what is described as the 'unimpeachable communiqué of the German High Command' (laughter). Only one warship was damaged and that damage was minor. She was not a capital ship."

"We must always expect attacks on our fleet bases on our northern and eastern shores, but we are confident of our ability to meet them."

#### MINOR IMPORTANCE

"This was the first attack made upon the land. One hundred and twenty-one high explosive bombs were dropped over an area of one hundred square miles of the mainland. There were several civilian casualties, including one dead."

"The excuse given by the German High Command is that they were bombing military objectives, but whatever their intentions may have been the House will note the facts and know that the responsibility for the consequences must rest upon the authors. (cheers)."

"In this grim struggle, minor incidents of this kind are of little importance."

"There are some who want a more vigorous policy, who say that by some unexplained imaginative stroke of daring, we ought to wrest to ourselves the initiative."

#### CANNOT BE HUSTLED

"With the responsibility which rests upon the shoulders of the government, we cannot be hustled (Ministerial cheers) into adventures which appear to us to present little chance of success and much chance of danger and perhaps disaster."

"The time and place for us to strike must be decided upon with the most expert advice we can command."

"In the meantime, the best way to ensure victory is to preserve unshaken our determination and unity."

"We have redoubtable allies. We have our kinsmen and fellow subjects in the British Empire. We have loyal and trusted friends across the Channel with their magnificent army and unlimited patriotism. Best of all we have the consciousness that what we are fighting for is what every right-minded citizen in the world desires to base the establishment of a durable and moral peace such as that of which President Roosevelt spoke." (Loud cheers). — Reuter.

#### Reply To Debate

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, replying to the Commons debate, after announcing the attack on Hornum, referred to the fear expressed by Mr. Dalton that the

### AVIATION MERGER IN AMERICA

New York, To-day.

One of the biggest aviation financing operations in history was revealed when the Curtis-Wright Corporation and the Atlas Corporation yesterday announced their intention to merge.

The amalgamation will increase the Curtis-Wright capital by \$36,500,000, representing new liquid capital supplied by the Atlas Corporation and making the company's capital \$65,000,000.

In Washington yesterday, President Roosevelt told reporters that America's production of aeroplane parts and engines had tripled in the past year.

President Roosevelt was discussing the controversy over the release of planes of recent design to foreign powers.

He said there was no question of giving away military secrets. The designs of the planes were not secret, "only the devices on them." — Reuter.

were trying to keep within the rules of international law. He said that as far as Germany was concerned she had absolutely forfeited any right to appeal to international law against any violation of that law we might embark upon in order to injure her, but there were very few cases in which the matter was as simple as that.

When it came to infringing the rights of neutrals in our endeavour to engage the enemy at close quarters we must have some regard for those rules of international law to which we had appealed so often ourselves.

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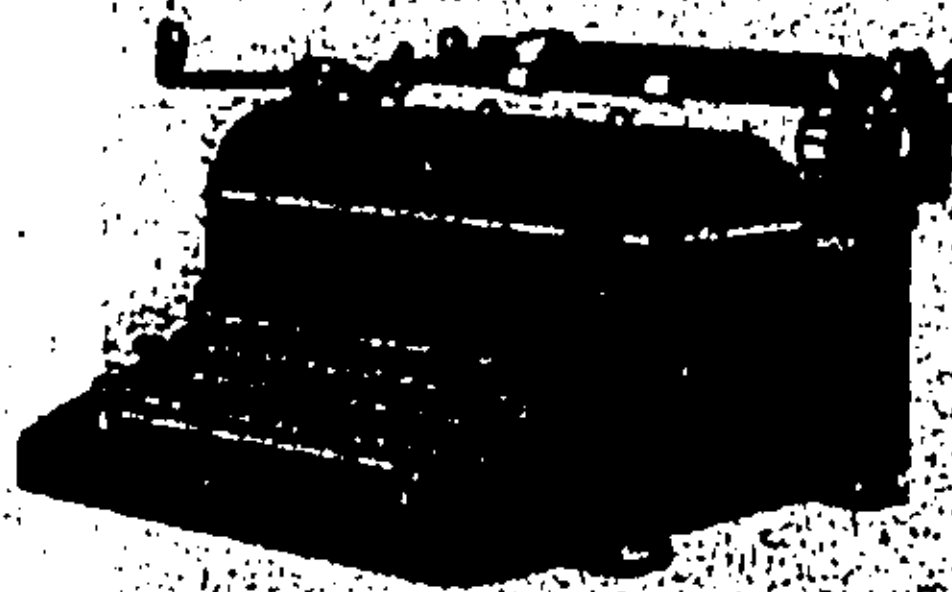
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## Sir Archibald Says: CABINET IS LOPSIDED, UNWIELDY

London, To-day.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Opposition Liberals, agreed during the Commons debate with Mr. Chamberlain in assigning proper perspective to the recent engagement at Scapa Flow.

The course of this war had been so unexpectedly quiet that if a gun went off anywhere people seemed to assume tremendous things.

They were at war with an immensely powerful and efficient enemy.

The question at issue was whether Europe would rattle back into barbarism and gangster governments or whether they could recreate their civilisation based on freedom and justice and the rule of law.

The freedom and independence of Poland, Finland and the Baltic and Scandinavian countries depended on the victory of the Allies in the war against Germany.

### EXERTION NEEDED

Sir Archibald said they needed to exert themselves to gain victory. They must seize the initiative and hold it.

Parliament should consider whether they do not want more efficient national, Imperial and Inter-Allied Instruments of war direction than they possessed.

"It doesn't look as though the present War Cabinet, lopsided and unwieldy with the present means of Dominion and inter-Allied consultation, is capable of promoting a vigorous and decisive initiative either economic, diplomatic or military.

"It seems to be we ought to discuss them in private session.

"It was too late to save Poland or Finland, and we should thrash these things out before our cause suffers another damaging setback."—Reuter.

## KEYS OF HANGO TO BE HANDED OVER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HANGOE, TO-DAY.

THE KEYS OF HANGOE CITY WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES AT MID-NIGHT NEXT FRIDAY BY THE FINNISH MILITARY COMMANDER.

By that time all the 10,000 inhabitants will be evacuated.

It will be remembered that Hangoe is being leased to Russia for 30 years.

The only thing still standing in the city after the Russians dropped a total of 9,000 bombs on it, is the monument commemorating the German Division which helped the Finns expel the Reds and win their independence in 1918.—Havas.

### FISHING FOR INFORMATION

London, To-day.

"The Times" comments on the Scapa Flow raid in a leader-headed "Fishing for information."

It says the German Command must rely on such information as the British Government can be induced to vouchsafe. The favourite German device is to vociferate inflated claims in the hope of provoking the Admiralty to detailed denials from which reliable information could be deduced.—Reuter.

## GERMANS FALL INTO AMBUSH

Paris, To-day.

An official communique says that there was calm on the whole front. West of the Saar, a German reconnaissance party fell into one of our ambushes and suffered fairly serious losses.—Reuter.

## POLICE FIRE ON BAND IN LAHORE

Lahore, To-day.

It is officially announced that the police had to fire after being attacked by a band of men from the North-West Frontier who were trying to hold a procession in military formation in defiance of a Government ban.

Two police officers and 23 of the demonstrators were killed and 39 persons were injured and are now in hospital. The District Magistrate is one of the injured.

Military reinforcements have arrived and are patrolling the city.

The men are members of a Moslem movement. They wear uniforms, carry spades and conduct military drills.

They have encouraged rival move-

# RESHUFFLE OF THE CABINET TALK IN THE LOBBIES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FOR MANY WEEKS THE IDEA THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT AT EASTER HAS BEEN CANVASSED, STATES REUTER'S LOBBY CORRESPONDENT.

Main reasons advanced by the prophets were three:—the War Cabinet is too large, the personnel needs overhauling and there is, in general, a lack of drive in the Government's war policy.

Thus, yesterday's big speech in the Commons by the Prime Minister was awaited with special interest as likely to show the temper of the House towards the Government in particulars and the direction of the war in general.

The Prime Minister had a very patient hearing. The chief Opposition speeches which followed showed understanding of the Government's difficulties, and even Mr. Hore-Bellisha's close adherents would be unlikely to deny that his speech stirred no dissident chord in any other quarter.

### IRONICAL CRIES

Indeed, the former War Minister was heard in almost total silence until the point at which he said that Czecho-Slovakia's cause was a

righteous one — on which there were loud ironical Opposition cries of "You were in the Government."

Whatever changes in personnel the Prime Minister might have in mind for the Easter recess — and well-informed quarters continue to discount any such intention — they will not be the result of yesterday's debate.

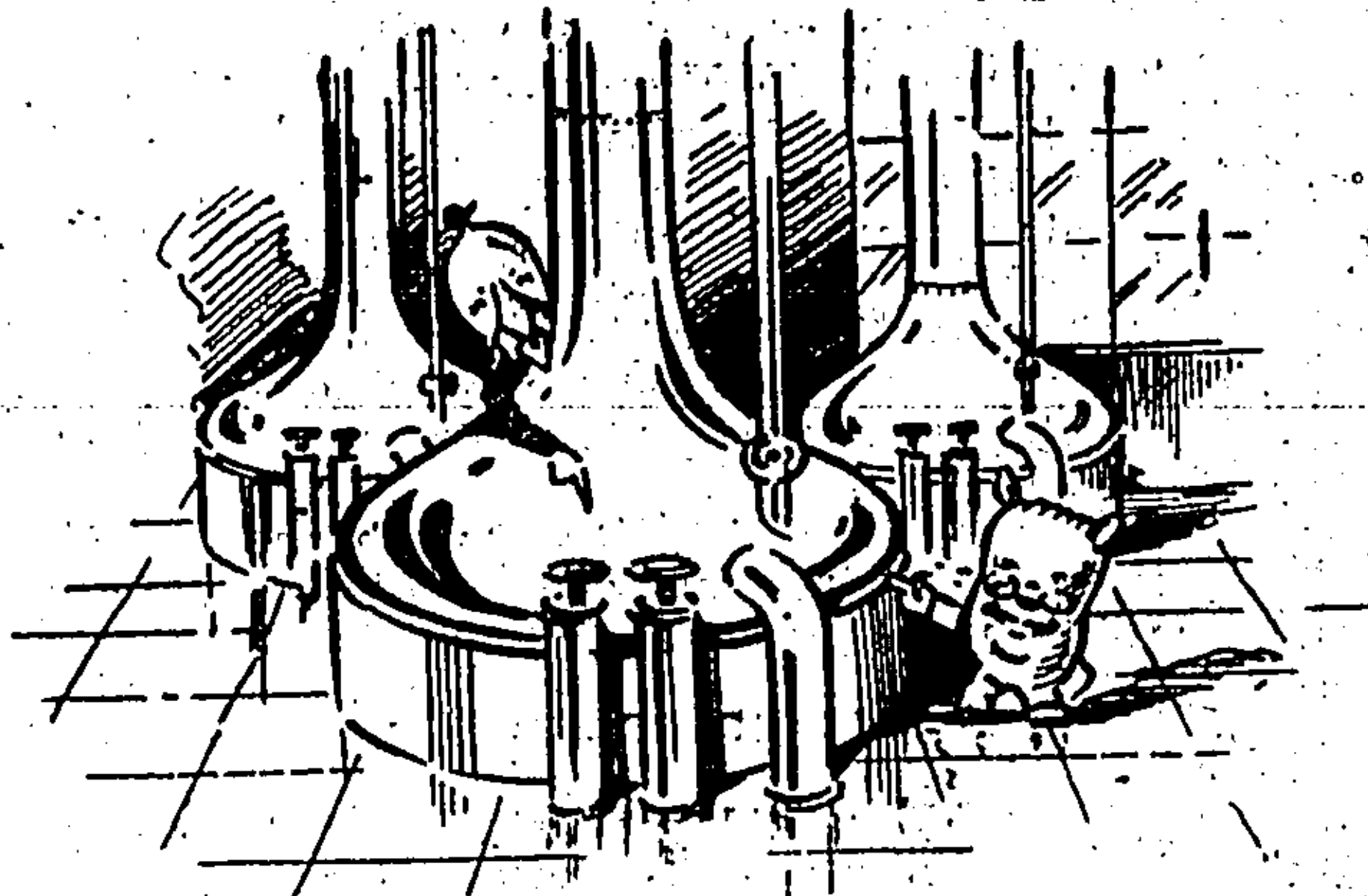
### A GOOD CASE

First impression gained from the reception of the Prime Minister's speech is that the House feels he made a good case as regards Finland, and that if there is to be any further discussion of the war capacity of the Government — it must await another secret sitting.

Labour is inclined to ask for one after Easter.

One of the outstanding features of comments heard is the universal regard for Finland and an understanding of the difficulties of the Northern countries. — Reuter.

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## DEBATE ON CONDUCT OF THE WAR

# Mr. Hore Belisha's Attack

## TOTAL WAR MUST BE WON BY TOTAL MEANS: ALLIES HESITATE; FOE ACTS

London, To-day.

**SPEAKING IN THE COMMONS debate yesterday, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, former Minister of War, asked whether in their strategy, diplomacy and their total efforts they were doing everything to achieve their aims.**

The war began with two swift strokes. Poland was annihilated and German commerce was swept from the seas.

Since then Germany had been inactive on land and the Allies had applied the blockade. It was the sole offensive weapon they had employed.

As long as Russia was engaged in active operations in Finland the date at which Germany could obtain the material advantages of her partnership—particularly oil—was being postponed.

It was in the interests of the Allies to maintain the resistance of Finland.

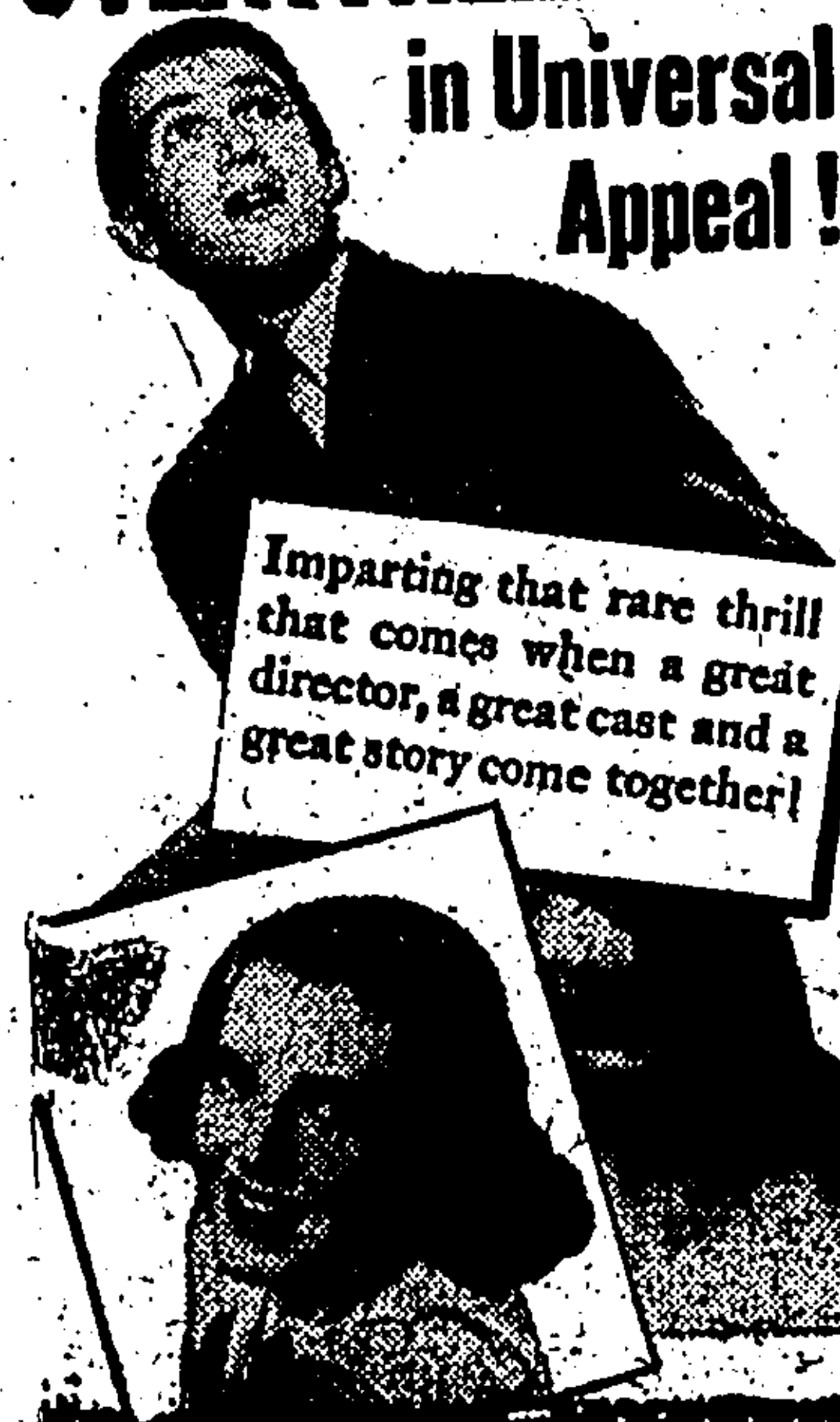
It must be assumed from the decision of the Supreme War Council that the sending of a force was practicable and desirable. From that moment the action of the Allies should have been clear cut and decisive.

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Hesitation might be permissible in the formulation of a policy but surely not in its execution.

### AIR FORCE OPPORTUNITY

Events had shown that it was indeed unfortunate that the Allies had allowed their intended initiative to be wrested from them. It was known to everybody that the need for men was urgent. It was only three weeks after the decision taken by the Supreme War Council, and when the Finnish Government were already actually in touch with Moscow that they were informed that the despatch of men as well as materials was contingent on a further appeal being made by them.

Mr. Hore-Belisha next referred to the fact that the Norwegian Foreign Minister had stated that the request was made to them to allow troops through only when the Soviet-Finnish peace talks were already under way.

There was uniformity of opinion that powerful onslaughts from the air could have broken the Russian onslaught.

None of the objections raised to the despatch of troops could have prevented the sending of squadrons of the R.A.F.

"Would it not have been worth one month's output from our factories of aeroplanes to save the situation?"

### ALLIED POLICY

The Allies did not fail in their policy, which was deliberate and well conceived, nor in their preparations for giving effect to that policy, but if they failed it was because they were not determined enough and not quick enough in executing their own decisions.

Britain and France hesitated. The enemy acted. Finland was lost. To-day the effects in Europe were everywhere apparent. There were moves towards new alignments. The war might be static but Hitler and his emissaries were busy.

Mr. Hore-Belisha asked whether they could not counter-act the accelerating tendency of neutrals to compound with Germany.

Total war must be won by total means.

### MUST USE STRENGTH

He pointed out that the Nazi-Soviet pact had repelled the sympathies of Italy and Japan with Germany, and it was evident now that Germany set great store by the rehabilitation of her friendships.

It would indeed be an unfortunate development if those ideologies were to come together again against the Democracies.

The Empire of Britain and France were the strongest entities in the world. If they were to carry their cause to victory they must not only be strong, they must use their strength. — *Reuter*

### Harsh Judgments Not In Order

#### FINLAND'S FIGHT

Finland's magnificent fight against aggression was in the same cause as that for which Britain was fighting, declared Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition.

The duty of assisting Finland was not laid only upon Britain but upon all member states of the League, and in this case Norway and Sweden, he said, had not powerful armaments.

He did not like to hear a harsh judgment made against a people who, after all, were pretty close to the front line.

The amount of aid Britain could send was conditioned by the extent to which they could act in concert with Sweden and Norway.

Any infringement of their rights was quite unthinkable.

#### LIKE TO BE SURE

The opposition, added Mr. Attlee, were not in a position to say that the British Government could have sent more with safety but he would like to be certain that what was sent was sent in time and without unnecessary delay.

He hoped the example of this country in helping in the reconstruction of Finland would be followed by others.

Mr. Attlee asked if Britain was doing all they could on the diplomatic field, the military field and the economic field.

He agreed with Mr. Chamberlain that the lesson they must learn from Finland was that if they wanted to defeat aggression they must stand together.

#### SUICIDAL TO SIT IDLE

He trusted they were prepared to resist any attack Hitler might make upon them. He declared, however, that a policy of sitting quiet would be suicidal and that the initiative must not be left with Hitler.

They must use their material and human resources in the best possible way.

As regards coal, he considered too many miners were unemployed for wartime. The transport system was wasteful and they should make better use of rail, road, canal and sea transport. A great deal more direction was wanted there.

They wanted greater utilisation of their manpower, and Mr. Attlee reminded the House that there were still 1,400,000 unemployed.

#### Premier's Reply

Mr. Chamberlain, replying to the debate, and referring to an allegation by Mr. Hugh Dalton (Labour) that Norway had tolerated the violations of her neutrality by German warships said that the British Navy and Air force had kept a constant and continuous watch on Norwegian waters to see if German warships were violating them and had been able to establish a single case of that kind we would not have hesitated ourselves to enter those territorial waters and attack such a ship. (Cheers).

Dealing with criticisms regarding the Finnish war, Mr. Chamberlain described Sir Archibald Sinclair's speech as peevish and perverse.

He pointed out that the question of sending volunteers never could have played a major part in any assistance which could have been given. We were told that trained troops were what Field-Marshal Mannerheim wanted. Volunteers never could have made a serious difference in the campaign if they stood alone.

#### FACTS NOT REVEALED

We did not know the situation was deteriorating up to a short time

before the final collapse. We were told the spirit of the army was completely unbroken, and they were confident of being able to hold the Mannerheim Line.

It was really only a few days before the final collapse that we were informed the situation was considered serious.

Mr. Chamberlain said every request the Finns made to us was referred to the Chiefs of Staff, to know whether they considered it justified in the circumstances in which we found ourselves.

If we had considered solely those things which were naturally and properly in the minds of the Chiefs of Staff, we should have sent very much less than we did.

The Cabinet took the responsibility and the risks in sending equipment and material. We thought it might help the Finns to hold out.

#### ENORMOUS PREPARATION

Dealing with the criticism that the Government had been too late, Mr. Chamberlain stressed the enormous preparation required for such an expedition.

He said the troops had to be specially selected and equipped to work in deep snow. Equipment had to be procured from another country and transport had to be made ready.

It was not easy to pick up a number of ships at a moment's notice and make them ready for such an expedition. Nevertheless it was done. Everything was arranged according to a definite timetable.

#### WHY IT NEVER SAILED

Reason for the Finns' hesitation to make an appeal for assistance was not because the expedition was too small or too late. It was neither hesitation nor vacillation. Only reason the expedition never sailed was because when the time came the Finns could not make an appeal because Sweden and Norway flatly refused to allow troops to pass through their countries.

Replying to the criticism that Britain might have sent planes, Mr. Chamberlain said when the Finns requested large quantities of bombers these could only be taken from the home defence or the B.E.F.

Nevertheless we sympathetically considered the appeal, but bombers could not operate without preparation for ground staff, reserve ammunition and means of repair.

#### BOMBERS SENT

They must be able to operate continuously from Finland. We were ready to supply the crews and a number of bombing planes if an appeal was to be made, but by that time we knew that negotiations were going on. We were not sure the fighting would continue and could not contemplate sending large numbers precious to ourselves. If, after all, we found they failed to save the Finns, and we could not get them back again.

Even so, in response to an appeal from the Finnish Minister at the last moment, we did send what bombers we could.

"Subject to the responsibility of winning the war against our own enemy we did all we could in the time. (Cheers).

On the question of production Mr. Chamberlain said he was convinced that during the next fortnight the House would be able to see an appreciable increase in the production of goods.

Although differences had been expressed that afternoon, these were on the surface of an underlying unity of parties. (Cheers).

#### WHAT PEACE SHOULD BE

Mr. Chamberlain said he accepted and subscribed to the words of President Roosevelt the other day regarding what a peace should be.

He concluded: "When we had not embarked on war I did my best to avert war. Now that I have entered the struggle I shall be just as determined and just as persistent in achieving the purpose we have in mind as I was in trying to keep the peace before the war started." (Cheers). — *Reuter*



# PEACE OFFENSIVE RUMOURS DYING OUT

## Hitler Trying To Line Up Russia And Italy

### SUMNER WELLES NOT TAKING PART IN NEGOTIATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

**NEUTRAL COUNTRIES SEE in the Brenner Pass talk a Nazi attempt to line up Italy with Germany and Russia.**

The Berlin correspondent of the "Allgemeine Handelsblad" says that one gets the impression that the Nazi Government would like to see Russia and Italy make up their differences and settle the Balkan question at the Allies' expense. — Havas.

#### Cordell Hull Statement

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull's declaration that Mr. Sumner Welles will take part in no negotiations has dispelled rumours which sprang up over the delay in the sailing of the Conte di Savoia from Genoa.

The ship's departure was held up by one day (she sails to-day) and it was suggested that this was to enable Signor Mussolini to see Mr. Welles following his return from the talk with Hitler, and with the latest proposals from Der Fuhrer.

These reports then suggested that Mr. Welles might try to reconcile the various points of view, playing a "deus ex machina" role. — Havas.

#### The So-Called Eleven Point Plan

London, To-day.

Commenting on the well-publicised "11-point peace plan," a diplomatic observer says that, whether true or false, they do represent the kind of "peace points" which could be expected from the Nazis.

For propaganda purposes there is a reference to disarmament and liberty of trade.

There is a sop for Italy in the clauses about Djibouti and the Suez Canal, and a sop to Britain in the clause saying that 20 years should be allowed for the solution of the colonial problem.

Beyond that, however, Germany would get everything she wants in Europe and in no way would right the wrongs she has inflicted on her neighbours.

Whatever the facts are behind the widely reported "11-point peace plan," the plan may well be a sample of the sort of plan the Nazis would like to put forward—a mixture of generalizations appealing to liberal world sentiment and a cynical disregard of the real objects for which this war is being fought. — Reuter.

#### "Eleven-Point Plan" Does Not Impress U.S.

Washington, To-day.

Reports of a German eleven-point peace plan were discounted yesterday by Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's private secretary.

Mr. Early told reporters no information had been transmitted to the United States Government to

support published reports of such a plan.

On the basis of authoritative reports received by the United States Government "the peace headlines would appear to be very empty."

Mr. Early added that the President had carefully read and analysed all the reports received. — Reuter.

#### Hitler's Objectives

Washington, To-day.

Official quarters persist in affirming that Mr. Sumner Welles had no hand in the Brenner Conference.

It is suggested in Washington that Hitler is seeking to use Mr. Welles for his own purposes.

In the press view, Hitler is regarded as probably trying to bring about improved Russo-Italian relations and it is added that Mussolini might consider the stabilisation of the Balkans worth the price of shaking hands with Moscow. — Reuter.

#### A Mere Observer

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The assertion that Mr. Sumner Welles is not taking part in any European negotiations which was made by Mr. Cordell Hull yesterday is considered here to be an attempt to quell concern caused by the delay in Mr. Welles' departure from Italy. The American Government wishes to dispel the impression that the United States may take part, either directly or indirectly, in any peace offensive launched by the autocratic powers.

It is stressed that Mr. Welles has at no time figured as anything more than a mere observer. — Havas.

#### Mr. Sumner Welles Makes Position Clear

Rome, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles broke his activities last night, only to say that he had not brought over to Europe any proposals for peace, nor had he, while in Europe, conveyed any suggestions of peace from any European Power to another.

He stated, once again as he put it, that he was in Europe for one purpose only, and that he would take home with him a report to President Roosevelt on facts as he found them.

Only the four men concerned, Hitler, Mussolini, Ciano and Ribbentrop, knew exactly what happened at Brenner. He was not one of them.

#### Il Duce Persuades Hitler To Drop Peace Ideas

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

During the Brenner conversations, Mussolini once more tried to dissuade

### WELLES SEEKS VIEWS ON RUMANIA

Rome, To-day.

It is revealed that during his stay in Rome, Mr. Sumner Welles conferred with Mr. H. F. Hibbard, First Secretary of the United States Legation in Bucharest, whom he specially summoned from the Rumanian capital. — Reuter.

### WISHFUL THINKING IN RUSSIA

Moscow, To-day.

The foreign news columns in the Soviet press have lately been occupied mainly with the following themes:

Firstly, that the imperialists, thwarted in the plot to force Scandinavia into a war against the U.S.S.R., are now busily trying to create a new war front elsewhere. Only the peace-loving policy of the Soviet has till now kept the European war from becoming a world conflagration.

Secondly, British designs in the Near East generally, and in the Balkans in particular are proved by the presence of large numbers of British troops in Egypt, Iraq, Palestine, Kenya, and the Army of the Near East under General Weygand.

Thirdly, the Imperialists hope to repeat "the Finnish experiment."

These three tendentious reports are published daily and are designed to show an imminent conflict between the Allies and Italy as the result of ambitions clashing over the Balkans, the Suez Canal and so on. — Reuter.

### AXIS CO-OPERATION UNCHANGED

Berlin, To-day.

All Allied hopes for a loosening of the German-Italian bonds are "ridiculous," says a semi-official spokesman, commenting on the Brenner Pass talks.

While details of the talks are still lacking, he said, it must be stressed that Italo-German co-operation remains unchanged. — Reuter.

Hitler from launching a peace offensive, well-informed quarters here declare.

Mussolini is utterly unwilling to act as mediator for Germany and commit Italy on the German side by sponsoring Hitler's "peace ultimatum," the failure of which is certain.

Mussolini's attitude, however, has not discouraged Hitler who, according to reliable information, has not abandoned his hope to impose his own peace on the world. — Havas.

#### "Utter Stupidity"

Rome, To-day.

Reports and rumours of a purported "11-point peace plan" are denied by Italian official circles, which scoff at such reports as "utter stupidity." — Reuter.

### PEACE PLAN WAS STILLBORN

Amsterdam, To-day.

If there was a peace plan which Hitler hoped to get Mussolini to sponsor, as the result of the Brenner meeting, it clearly was stillborn.

An inspired statement was yesterday evening issued in Berlin, denying the peace plan reports and declaring that Germany has nothing to say on the question of peace after the rejection of the Fuehrer's offer of October 6, 1939, an offer made only once.

A Wilhelmstrasse spokesman told neutral correspondents that people still did not seem to understand that the German Government had taken two decisions, firstly to continue the war until complete victory had been achieved; secondly, after victory, to secure Germany's vital interests once and for all and end the eternal menace of the plutocratic democracies.

In the meantime, the Wilhelmstrasse was opening discussing the desirability of better understanding between Russia and Italy, and Reuter understands that a visit of Ribbentrop to Moscow is still possible. — Reuter.

### CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

Arrested yesterday morning when leaving the Kowloon Godowns with parcels in their hands, Chan Loi, 25, and Leung Tim, 34, were sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for stealing.

An Indian watchman found 17 pairs of socks and 20 tobacco pipes in Chan's parcel and two rolls of cloth in Leung's.

The articles were stolen from Chief Officer T. Williams, of the s.s. Tjibadaha.

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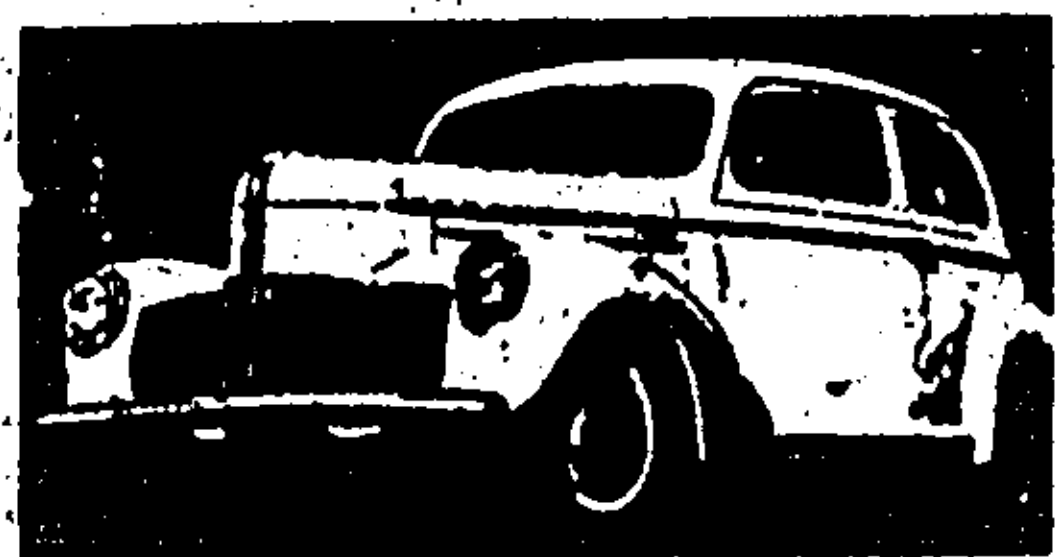
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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### RECONSTRUCTION

The members of a Government immersed in the tasks of the war cannot themselves give much time to such questions as reconstruction. But they can delegate to responsible and public-spirited men the task of watching the changing situation, preparing plans and creating a skeleton organization, so that the transition to peace, when it comes, may be intelligently directed, and the unique opportunities of that critical moment may be used to the utmost.

Democracy, which is proving itself efficient in war, will again be on trial when it has to reconstruct the peace. The Allies already have to face the fact that success at home will be the condition of success in the international sphere.—Christian Science Monitor.

### LABOUR AND THE WAR

A vigorous and effective Labour party is essential to the strength and the health of the nation both during and after the war. The principles for which it stands are vital. Mr. Greenwood puts the case for those principles very well. He shows that the determination to resist Hitler is an integral part of the faith and will that made the working classes struggle, and struggle with great success, against conditions that enslaved them at home. He has a happy description of the trawler crews that sweep up mines, showing that they do this not merely because they are bred to the sea and its delights and dangers but because they would sail the seven seas seventy times rather than knuckle down to a system that would make them galley-slaves. In urging the prosecution of the war the Labour party has against it the pacifist tradition that everybody respects as well as the less respectable dislike of the hardships of war and the new Communist logic. On the other hand, the dislike of injustice and oppression is deeper in the working classes than in any other part of the community, and it is a great source of strength to the party.—Manchester Guardian.

### UNHAPPY INTERVIEW

Despite all the abhorrence which the Left is supposed to have for the application of force in the settlement of international disputes, Sir Stafford Cripps expresses every sympathy with the Russians in their desire to establish new frontiers, although he could not agree with the stupid way in which they were attempting to make them. The Soviet, he contended, was concerned with the possibility of Finland being used as a base for some other Power in the event of the European war taking a certain turn. What other? The Allies? Obviously they desire no extension of their fronts other than is forced upon them, and to suggest that they would willingly go to war with Russia for the purpose of defeating Germany is to suggest that they would lightly increase the number of their enemies. It has to be remembered that there was no Allied threat to Russia so long as it kept out of Finland, and that country did not appeal for active assistance, and so suggest that any other explanation could meet the case is to endow the Soviet with a prescience which events in Finland have clearly shown them not to possess. That a rectification of Russo-Finnish frontiers might have formed some protection for Lenin's grad in the event of hostilities

between Russia and Germany is entirely another matter, and if Sir Stafford is seeking to justify the Soviet on the score of fear of Germany, that is entirely different though even here it must be pointed out with all emphasis that at least on the face of things Germany and Russia are at present in the closest bonds of amity. The Soviet in their invasion of Finland embarked upon a programme of grab according to the best Nazi models and there pace Sir Stafford it has to be left.—North China Daily News.

### LOST POWER TO IMPRESS

But while hysterics are rightly distrusted by the democratic countries, they swell the shrieking notes of Hitler's bankrupt oratory. His harping on the threadbare themes of "living space" and "encirclement" cannot hide the inability of Germany to see the war through to a successful finish. The Fuehrer finds himself to-day in the position of a man who has made rash promises which he is unable to fulfil. His denunciation of Great Britain reminds one forcibly of similar fulminations against Soviet Russia. Meanwhile the cordial reception planned in Berlin for Mr. Sumner Welles seems to indicate anxiety to propitiate a powerful neutral and clutch at any possibility of an escape from certain defeat. The war of words and the war of nerves have both lost their power to impress.—Ceylon Observer.

### THE WOMEN'S ROLE

Mr. Churchill introduced an important aspect of Britain's war effort when he declared in his speech at Manchester that "more than a million women must enter war industry." In an ensuing controversy some trade-unionists in Britain, notably the engineers, have protested that the men now unemployed should be given work before the question of placing women in factories is raised. This may be true enough, but it is evident that, at the present rate of industrial expansion, the residue of unemployed male workers will soon be absorbed, and that women will need to make good the labour shortages in the wartime economy. Under conditions of "total" warfare it is obvious that the women of Britain, representing half of the nation's population, cannot be left unmobilised. In the last war British women won a new prestige and status for their sex by the splendid way in which they performed multifarious tasks in the national service which formerly had been regarded as exclusively within the masculine sphere. In all manner of fields, from munitions production to army transport, they proved the possession of previously unsuspected abilities. To-day their aid will be equally necessary. Germany has lost no time in calling up women to serve in wartime establishments, and the Allies cannot do less. In Australia, first the threat and then the outbreak of war brought enthusiastic offers of service from numerous women's organisations, and to-day women are working busily to provide necessities and comforts for the Red Cross and the fighting Services. As the war calls for new and more strenuous efforts, Australian women, too, will have the opportunity to play an increasingly important role in its prosecution.—Sydney Morning Herald.

### ANTITHESIS OF NAZI GERMANY

The British Empire is the very anti-thesis of Nazi Germany in all it stands for and in all its conception of life. The rule of the Gestapo and the rubber truncheon, torture and the lash will never hold away here.—Mr. Anthony Eden.



# Four Hour Bombing Raid On German Shore Bases

# R.A.F. REPRISAL

# FOR SCAPA FLOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

## HITLER MAY TALK BRENNER TO REICHSTAG

Amsterdam, To-day.  
Hitler may summon the Reichstag in the next few days to hear the result of the Brenner meeting, it is learned from a Berlin source.  
The decision probably depends on the final message from Rome after Signor Mussolini's farewell talk with Mr. Sumner Welles.—  
Reuter.

## AMAZING INCIDENT IN HARBOUR

An extraordinary incident aboard the O.S.K. ship, Shirogani Maru, was officially revealed this morning.

A Chinese police constable, No. 41, attached to Yaumati police station, was arrested on board the ship by the Japanese in Hong Kong harbour and detained on board for 24 hours.

The vessel arrived from Canton at 4 p.m. on March 17. The constable was not released until 5 p.m. on March 18.

The man concerned had been on leave to Canton to get married and was returning with his wife and mother.

When the Shirogani Maru berthed, he discovered that one of his suitcases was missing, and while searching for it, was arrested, put into a cabin and locked in.

His mother reported to the police, who sent a European officer to the ship. Release was refused. Later, the Japanese Consul personally went to the ship and also failed to obtain the man's release.

At 11 p.m. the police sent a squad of men to the wharf to prevent the ship from leaving.

The ship due to leave at 8 a.m. did not sail until 5 p.m. after the captain had handed over the constable to the authorities.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. T. H. King, stated that the matter had been reported to the Government and he did not desire to discuss the legal aspects of the Japanese action.

### AWAITING DETAILED REPORT

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, told the "China Mail" that the Government were awaiting a detailed report on the incident from the police before deciding what action, if any, was necessary.

The Japanese Consul stated that the constable was not detained by the captain of the ship, but by the Japanese military guard. They accused him of "rude behaviour."

## AUBREY HAMMOND PASSES AWAY

London, To-day.  
The death has occurred of Aubrey Hammond, the well-known artist and stage designer, and the pioneer of camouflage.—  
Reuter.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE LAST NIGHT CARRIED OUT DEADLY REPRISALS FOR THE RECENT GERMAN AIR ATTACK ON SCAPA FLOW. AN UNREMITTING ATTACK ON THE ISLAND OF SYLT, DIRECTED AGAINST HORNUM, THE GERMAN SHORE AIR BASE, AND THE HINDENBURG DAM, COMMENCED AT EIGHT P.M. AND WAS STILL IN PROGRESS AT MIDNIGHT.

Up to that time, observers on the Danish coast and on a nearby Danish island had counted more than 80-high explosive bomb blasts, explosions which were heard as far away as the middle of Jutland, indicating the great weight of the missiles.

According to Danish reports, the raid, the biggest ever witnessed, involved the whole of the German coastal area from the Danish border to the River Elbe.

The whole sky was lit up by the successive explosions of the British bombs; the flare of German searchlights and concentrated fire of German anti-aircraft batteries flashing in the sky.

According to an official Air Ministry communique, based upon a wireless report from one of the raiders, Hornum was severely damaged.

### Dive Bombing

Watchers on the Danish coast stated that the raid began with a dive bombing attack by two British planes, which swooped right down on their objective and dropped eight bombs which caused terrific explosions.

This attack caught the German defences napping, but as more planes came in relays, and the raid continued with increasing intensity, all the resources of German ground defences came into play, although, curiously enough, there are no reports yet of any combats in the air.

At about ten o'clock, the objective of the attack, according to watchers, was switched from Hornum to the Hindenburg Dam which connects the island of Sylt to the mainland. Many heavy bombs were dropped, but nothing is likely to be known of the effects until dawn.—  
Havas.

### Air Ministry Statement

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry, announcing that the Air Force had attacked and severely damaged the German air base at Hornum on the island of Sylt last night, added that this was one of the shore bases from which enemy aircraft operate against the British naval forces and merchant shipping. This attack, the statement adds, followed the attack upon our own shore base in the Orkneys.

The attack was quickly announced, in the House of Commons, by the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, who said that the report was based upon a wireless message received from one of the leading machines.

He stated that he understood that the attack was still continuing.—  
Reuter.

### German Version

Berlin, To-day.

The German High Command is doing its best to minimise the raid on Sylt. The official news agency says that one British bomber was brought down, and adds that a house was set afire, otherwise there was no damage.

The bombers, says the statement, flew over in three waves at 7.57 p.m., 8.58 p.m. and 9.16 p.m.—  
Reuter.

## CONVOY OF REFUGEES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

A convoy of 11 buses and 2 lorries arrived on Monday night with about 400 old men, women and children from the border regions. They were amazed at the bright lights in the capital.

It is announced that, in addition to the 500,000 who have evacuated the ceded areas (400,000 left during the

## GAYDA ON PEACE RUMOURS

Rome, To-day.

Writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," Signor Gayda, who is generally considered to be Il Duce's mouthpiece, ridicules the idea of Signor Mussolini running around the European capitals in the service of peace.

Signor Gayda warns his readers against speculations on the decisions taken at the Brenner Pass talks.

In connection with peace, he says that no government has yet asked for the services of a peace-maker. The talks had two well defined aims:—

1. The construction of a more just Europe based on equality of right; and
2. The protection of Italian interests in the new Europe, alongside the protection of German rights.—  
Reuter.

war), a further 450,000 people are to leave their homes in the border regions.

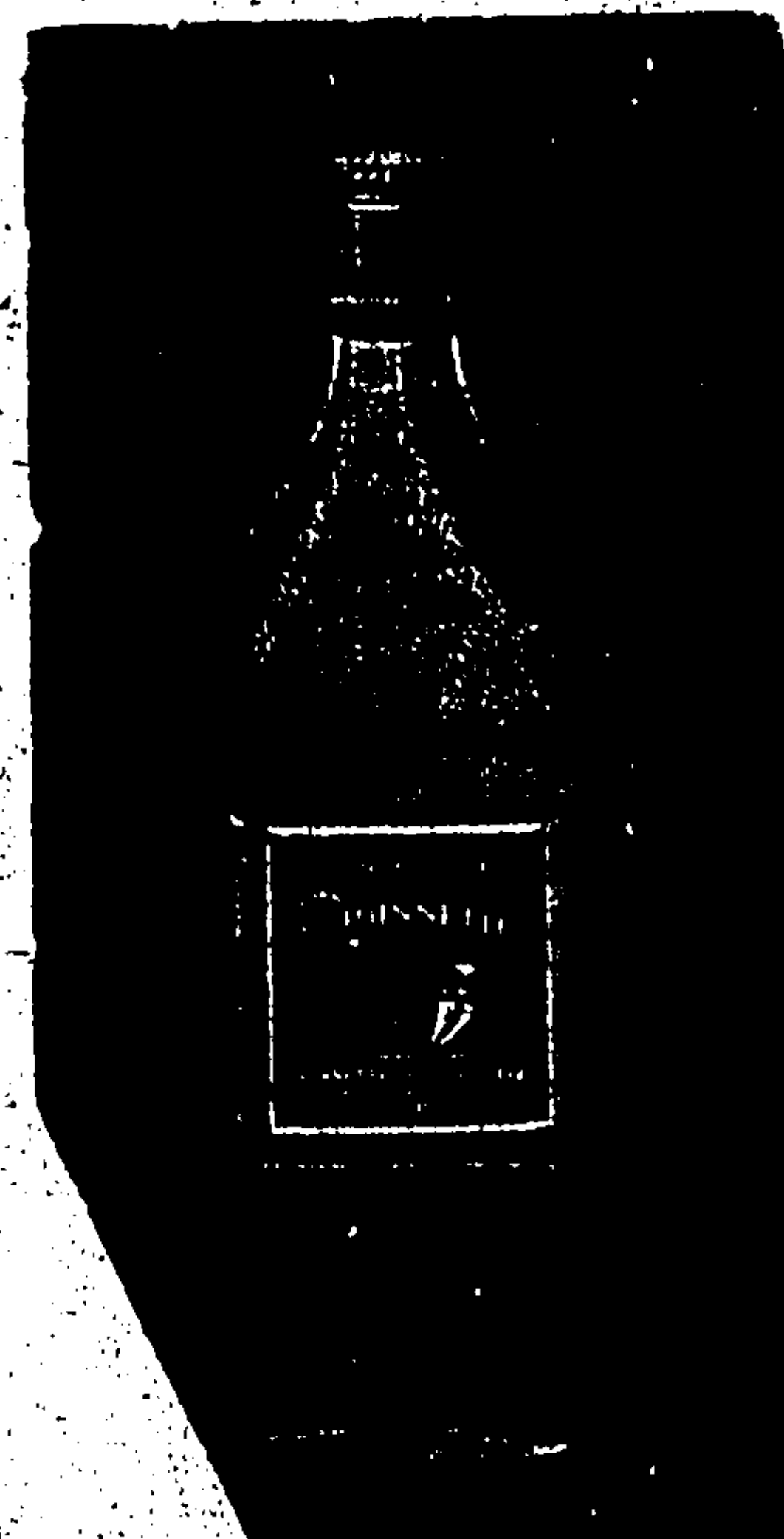
The Finnish military authorities have decided that for the time being all those in the border areas must live in the interior of Finland. They will later be given permission to return home.—  
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## FRANCE KNOWS THIS IS REAL WARFARE FOR HER ARMIES

It has become the fashion to speak of this struggle as a "funny war." Some people say that it has not yet started; some hazard the opinion that it may never start.

Others, like a distinguished French commander in the field with whom I talked last week, will tell you bluntly, "We lost this war when Hitler gained his Polish living space. That is no reason why we should not plan and prepare to win the next."

I should like to dispose of those first conceptions by giving some account of aspects of the war which I have seen with my own eyes; notably in the course of a visit which, thanks to the courtesy and comradeship of the French Government, brought a small party of Englishmen into personal contact with war's realities in France.

This "funny war" has started; not only on the sea and in the air, but on the land, and one purpose here is to write about France and dispel the illusion—if such exists—which the laconic communiqués of the French General Staff may tend to create, that the land armies, safe in the great line of sunken concreted fortifications or comfortable in the bistros and billets which, lie behind, are as yet making no contribution of nerve or body to the trial of strength with the old enemy.

### PROWLING BY NIGHT

"There were contacts between our patrols and those of the enemy. An attempted enemy raid on our lines was repulsed."

Nothing very sensational in that, you may say. Perhaps not; but come with me to the battalion headquarters of the unit concerned somewhere on the wooded slopes of the Vosges.

Snow lies deep on the ground and over all a strange, eerie silence prevails. We shall visit an outpost 175 yards from the frontier. To do so we must traverse several kilometres of woodland trail. We shall be preceded and flanked by a strong patrol. We must take advantage of ground and cover, avoid bunching together and hold our tongues. It is necessary to take certain precautions, we are told by the battalion commander who accompanies us. German patrols may have slipped through unperceived. A younger officer confides that only yesterday, a short distance from where we stand, the Germans had succeeded in capturing two members of a similar patrol. And this is one of the crack battalions of the French Army.

Watch the men advancing ahead and on either hand. Swiftly, silently, watchfully; making good each yard as they go; pausing every 50 yards or so, dropping to the ground, each man to his allotted role so that every angle and avenue of approach is covered by rifle or quick-firing weapon.

Look at the faces of these men and in a flash you will realise that this is no practice field exercise. By night and by day they have been this way before and they have learned that behind each innocent-looking tree may lurk "the enemy" and in a trice they may be confronted with the issues of life or death.

### LINE NOT THEIR REFUGE

These men are man-hunting. Week after week, night and day, working back and forth through no man's land or maintaining contact between the lightly dug-in outposts. And always in silence. For two weeks on end the young, second lieutenant whom we find in charge of the outpost section, less than 200 yards from the road that marks the frontier, will share with his men the strain of this strange hide-and-seek warfare. "A quiet night" may suddenly be shattered by the arrival in and around his little open earthwork of two score of hand grenades. Or he may hear in the darkness the stealthy movement of German feet as an enemy patrol slips past 100 yards away, working to his rear.

His is the responsibility to determine his right course of action. Next week he may be heading a similar patrol slipping through the German advance posts. They go every day. ("One must know what the enemy is up to, you see," explains the commanding officer,) when this commanding officer, of great experience, tells me that in his view the strain of this shadow warfare is greater even than that of suffering the shelling hazards of the Western Front in 1914-18. I believe him.

Behind these men lie the great fortifications of the Maginot Line. Comforting thought, you may say. Possibly; but remember also that if they are driven back to "the Maginot Line" they cannot take refuge in those great, confidence-inspiring

works. In the last resort they must retire over and behind them, leaving the "fortress troops" to take care of themselves as best they may.

In that thought we may find, by implication, an insight into the task allotted to the proud technicians who man this astonishing system of defences. They may neither advance nor retire. The battleships in which they live, and wait to perform the active functions of defence, are aground. Night and day for them are the same, for both are electrically illuminated. And when they move they do so by lift and by tram—up to 15 and more kilometres at a stretch—whistling along the well-lit tunnels at a speed that takes away the breath of the visitor.

### NO BLACK-OUT

These are the defensive gunners of France. Efficient? They are French gunners. Just watch them at work in their casemates and turrets. Healthy and cheerful? Meet them in their crowded canteen of an evening. Proud? They are the standing defence of their country. They have been waiting in peace for the challenge of war. Yes, they certainly are proud; from colonel to tram driver, from battery commander to mess waiter.

Motor back with me through the fast rising floods of a quick thaw; floods that threaten to compel an enforced night on the

By  
**VICTOR GORDON  
LENNOX**

road—roads apparently strangely deserted, for France does not advertise that an army several millions strong is concentrated in these back areas.

You will be struck by the extent to which the French army still relies on the horse to carry up supplies to the forward positions. And if your eyes are bright you will be struck by the formidable assemblage of guns on every hand and of the shells with which to feed them. It may seem to you strange that your chauffeur has blazing headlights on the car within a few kilometres of the frontier; you may recall your last trip down an English country lane. I can offer no explanation, unless it be that the French are more thrifty of human life—or more courageous—than the British.

I am inclined to think that it is a combination of courage and common sense. You see, France is at war and "le black-out" makes for inefficiency. It means crashes on the roads and slows down production in the factories.

### ON THE BRIDGEHEAD

I asked the managing director of a great engineering firm which night and day is turning out tanks for the French Army what precautions were taken against night air raids. His answer, in brief, was that the workpeople in the factories were serving France in exactly the same way as the soldiers at the front. If they were killed in the performance of their duty it would be regrettable. Mais, c'est la guerre.

The factory could not be fully blacked out and to stop work every time the sirens were sounded in the neighbouring city would be to handicap production. The firm had its own lookout on the roof, and the lights were put out only if he considered that the enemy was approaching dangerously near.

On the banks of the Rhine there stands another symbol of sacrifice. In the streets of the proud and beautiful city of Strasbourg. Six months ago, taking only what they could carry with them, the 170,000 inhabitants put up the shutters and, under Government orders, moved away to distant parts of France. On guard at the Rhine bridgehead, now heavily fortified, is a detachment under command of a reserve officer whose home lies somewhere in those silent, shuttered streets. Were he to open the front door with his latch-key he would find the telephone still working, the electric lights in order and water flowing when he

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### Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





## NO COAL STRIKES DURING THE WAR

In the event of any dispute in the Lancashire and Cheshire coal industry there are to be no strikes or lock-outs for the duration of the war and for a period of six months afterwards.

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About 60,000 miners are affected by the agreement. It is similar to one made in the Lancashire and Cheshire coalfields in the last war.

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turned on the taps. But he does not go there. His duty is at the Rhine bridgehead, and the other day an officer was seriously wounded by German shells in endeavouring with two companions to return into the town from that point.

Peep cautiously above the parapet and you will see the German casemates on the other bank, perhaps 200 yards away. From one of these shells were fired that day. It may be a "funny war," but it is dangerous just the same!

On the French side, as on the German, sack-cloth has been erected to screen comings and goings on the roads leading to the bridgehead. Even so the accompanying officer urges you not to tarry. In his eyes you detect the same sense of strain which you noticed the day before in those of the officer in the advanced post. The war of nerves, of watching and waiting, is silently making its mark on these men, as without doubt it is making its mark on the corresponding detachments just across the Rhine. In the French case it takes the form of an urgent desire to find a suitable battlefield on which to take the offensive.

Back in Paris you will find it hard to believe that there is war on the frontier. Your favourite restaurant is still crowded, while good food and wine seems to flow in undiminished profusion since France has so far camouflaged its economy measures.

### THE WORKERS MOBILISED

If you are so minded you may see for yourself that great efforts are being made to keep up the level of famous exports. The great dress-making houses are still snowing creations which must surely maintain their appeal in the American market. One cannot neglect an export of textiles, silks and clothing worth 1,500 million francs a year.

Not so far away you may visit a factory which has been entirely equipped since the outbreak of war and is turning out monthly 500,000 articles of clothing for the French soldier. Every day, by an ingenious new process, it is possible for the women in this factory to cut 30 kilometres of cloth and a further 30 kilometres of lining material. To stock its long work-tables requires the service of 240 railways wagons per month, and the savings effected by a perfected anti-waste system have been sufficient, we were assured, to pay off the cost of equipping the factory in a single month. Waste in cutting has been brought down to eight inches per uniform, and the sale of this waste results in a recovery of more than 100,000 francs per month.

I have seen the French war effort in the army food supply depots and marvelled at the organisation for feeding 5,000,000 men. I have seen it again in the armament factories, great and small—for it must be remembered that in peace 90 per cent. of French labour works in factories employing fewer than 500 people. I have walked, and in one case motored, through mile upon mile of workshops from which guns and shells are pouring out in a steady, terrifying stream; tanks of all sizes moving out of factories to the muddy fields of the test ground like motor-cars emerging from a mass production factory.

### WORK OF THE NAVY

I have inspected every corner of the Naval College where 400 cadets are being made ready to take their places as officers in the French navy, and I have spent the day on one of their splendid ships.

In Britain we know too little of the French navy. I am confident that technically, in material and personnel, it can take its place proudly beside any navy in the world—as it is doing, night and day in associated command with the British fleet.

Each of these many aspects yields a story well worth the telling. Nor can we forget the women of France, who are carrying on in farm and factory the essential work behind the lines. Here it must suffice to give one predominant impression, gained at every turn. It is the impression of immense determination and extraordinary efficiency in all that belongs to the prosecution of the war.

Mr. A. H. Compton, of the "Longridge," Repulse Bay Road, has reported the theft of a rubber hose valued at \$70 from his garden yesterday afternoon.

## PILOT WITH CAMERA FROM MACAO

The pilot of the s.s. *Sal On*, Ho Hon, of No. 8, Bulkeley Street, Hunghom, was fined \$20 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for importing a prohibited article into the Colony from Macao.

Defendant was seen leaving the ship on March 5, with a German camera wrapped in a piece of Chinese newspaper. Defendant told the Revenue Department that he bought the camera for a friend.

Defendant said he did not know he could not bring the camera into the Colony.

The camera was ordered to be confiscated.

## NO GOOD REASON FOR A RAPPROCHEMENT

Basle, To-day.

The Rome correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" says there is much idle talk of a possible change in Italian policy towards Russia, but opinion in the Italian capital maintains there is no good reason now why Italy should want this.—Reuter.

## HIT-AND-RUN AFFAIR

Wong Sam, 38, a married woman, of No. 10, Wing Wo Street, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday for injuries to her legs and head. She was knocked down by an unknown motor cyclist in Queen's Road Central at about midnight.

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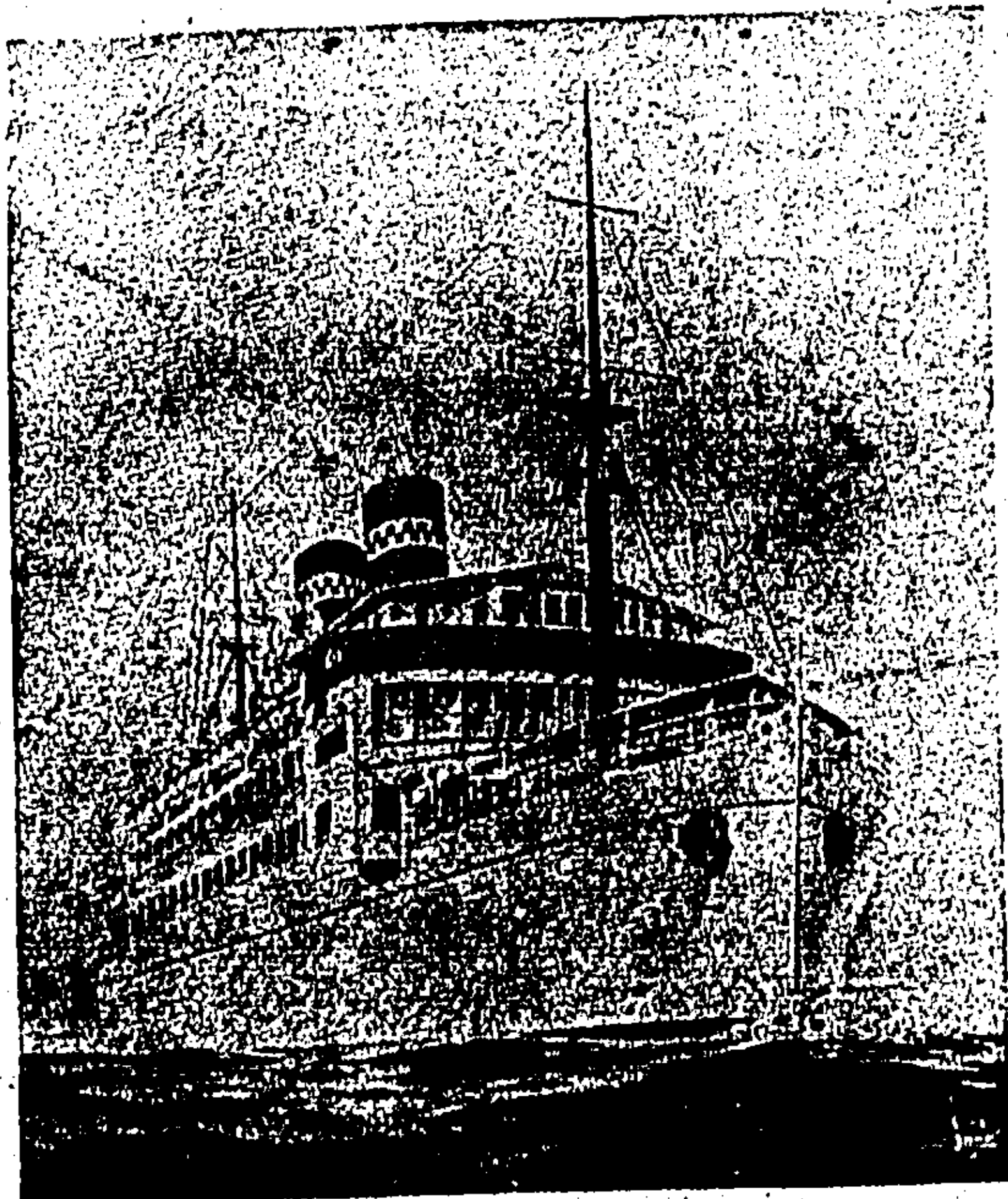
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On Saturday, the 23rd March and Monday the 25th March, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence each day at noon. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un' Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on 23rd and 25th March. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

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Australia and Manila	March 21.
Canton	March 21.
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	Ord., .. Wed., Mar. 20, Noon.	
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Shanghai	.. Mar. 20, 3.30 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South	<b>K.P.O.</b>	
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and London Parcels—due London,	Reg., .. Wed., Mar. 20, 5.00 p.m.	
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	<b>G.P.O.</b>	
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Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and	<b>K.P.O.</b>	
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vinces only) by the "Air France	Ord., .. Wed., Mar. 20, 5.30 p.m.	
Airways Direct Service"—due	<b>G.P.O.</b>	
Paris 28th March.	Reg., .. Wed., Mar. 20, 5.00 p.m.	
	Ord., .. Wed., Mar. 20, 7.00 p.m.	
Shanghai	.. Mar. 20, 7.00 p.m.	
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Canton	Thur., Mar. 21, 7.15 a.m.	
Japan	.. Mar. 21, 1.30 p.m.	
Amoy	Thur., Mar. 21, 2.30 p.m.	
Swatow and Shanghai	Thur., Mar. 21, 2.30 p.m.	
Fort Bayard	.. Mar. 21, 3.30 p.m.	
Amoy	.. Mar. 21, 7.00 p.m.	
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Manila	Mar. 22, 9.00 a.m.	
Shanghai	.. Mar. 22, 9.00 a.m.	
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
Canton	Mar. 23, 7.15 a.m.	
Straits	.. Mar. 23, 8.30 a.m.	
Saigon	.. Mar. 23, Noon.	
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct	<b>K.P.O.</b>	
Service"—due London, 31st March.	Reg., .. Mar. 23, Noon.	
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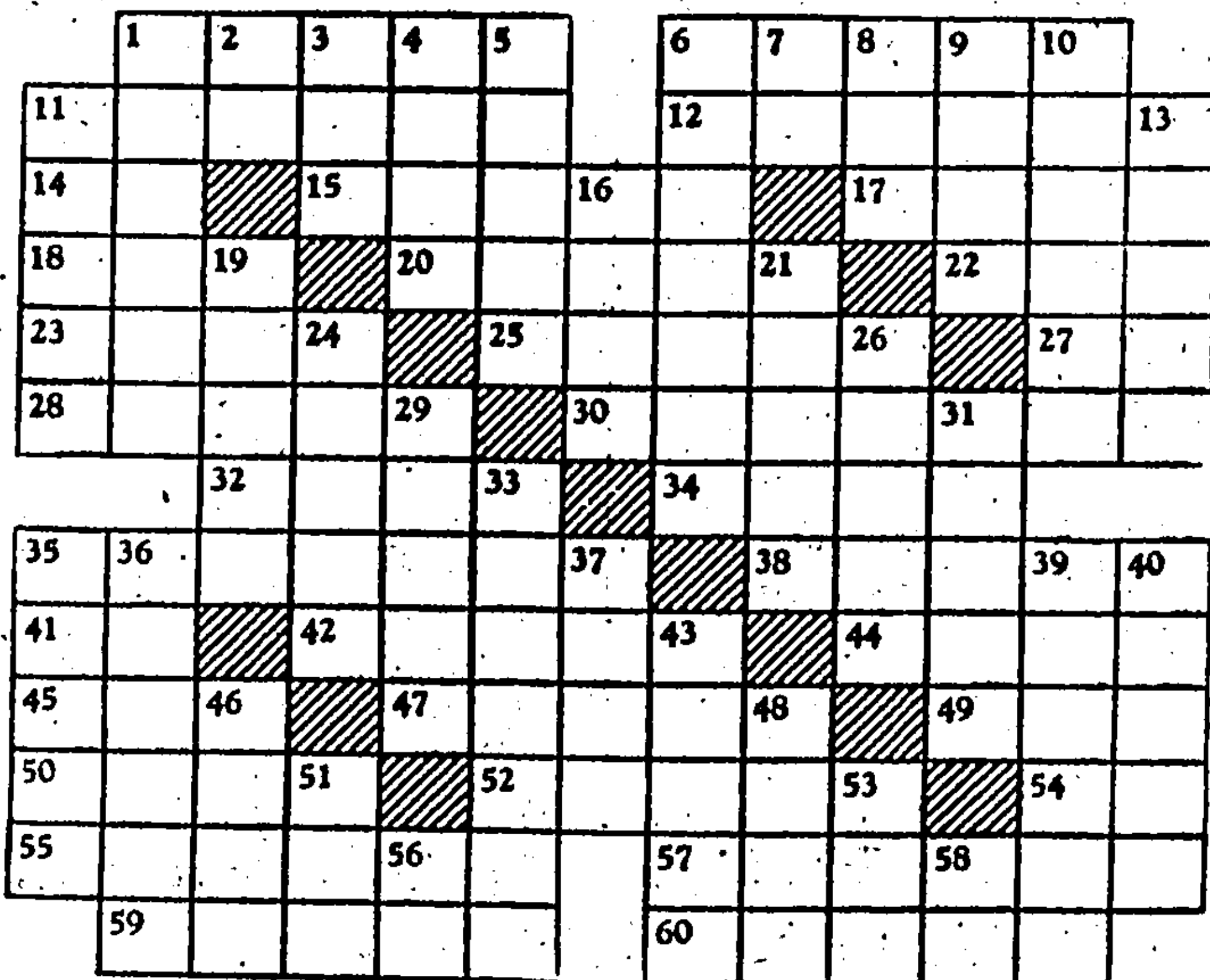
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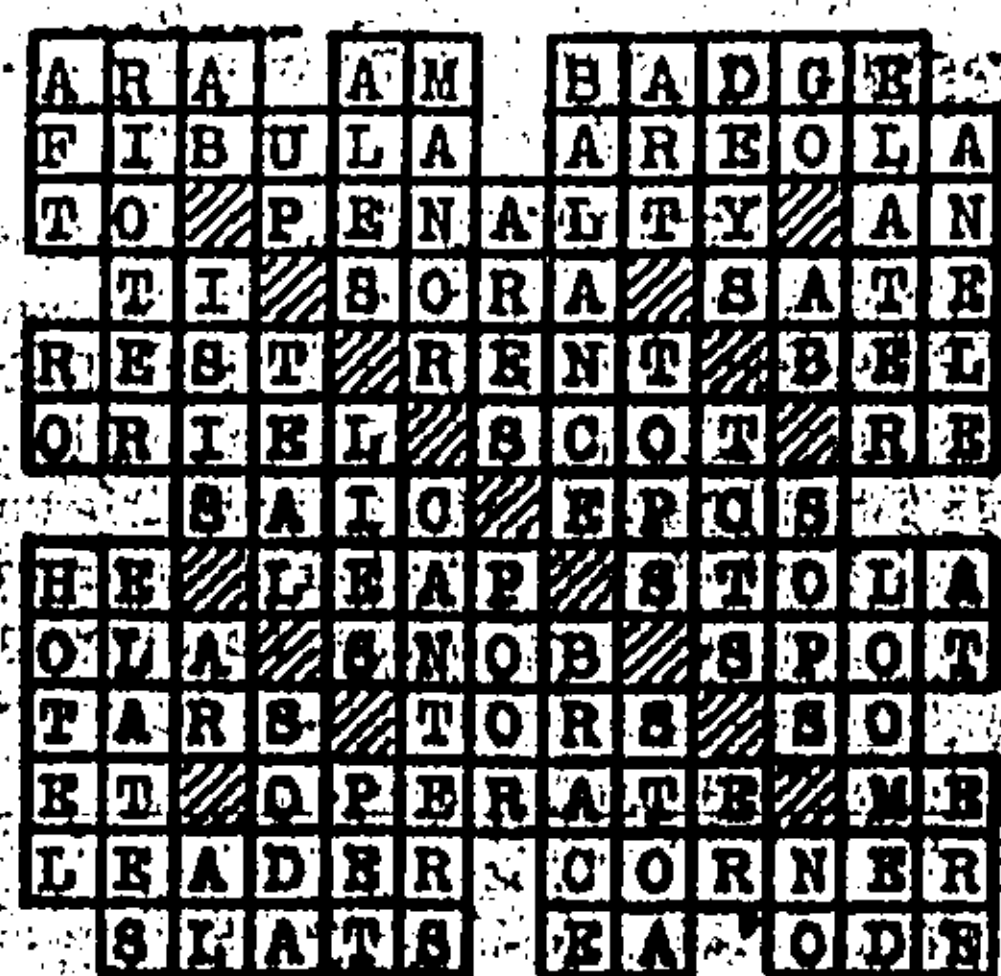
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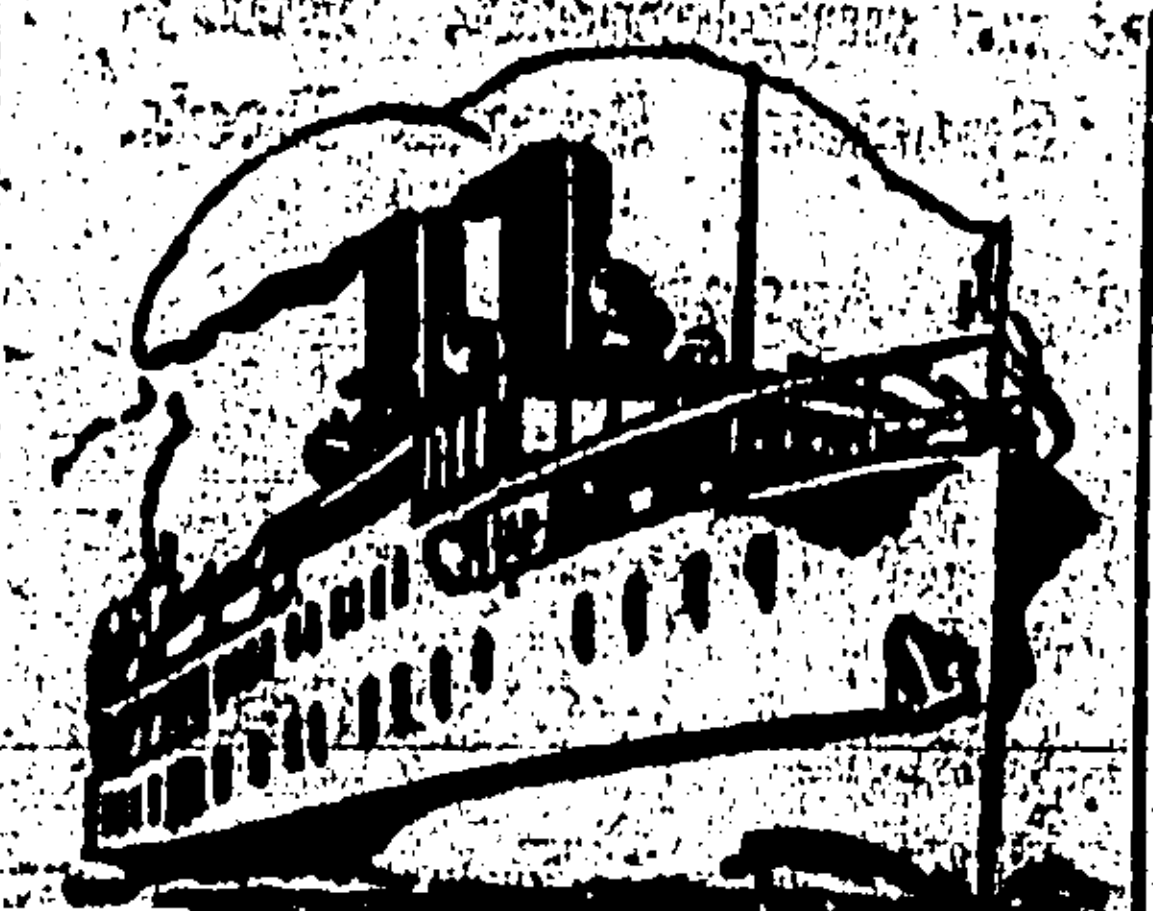
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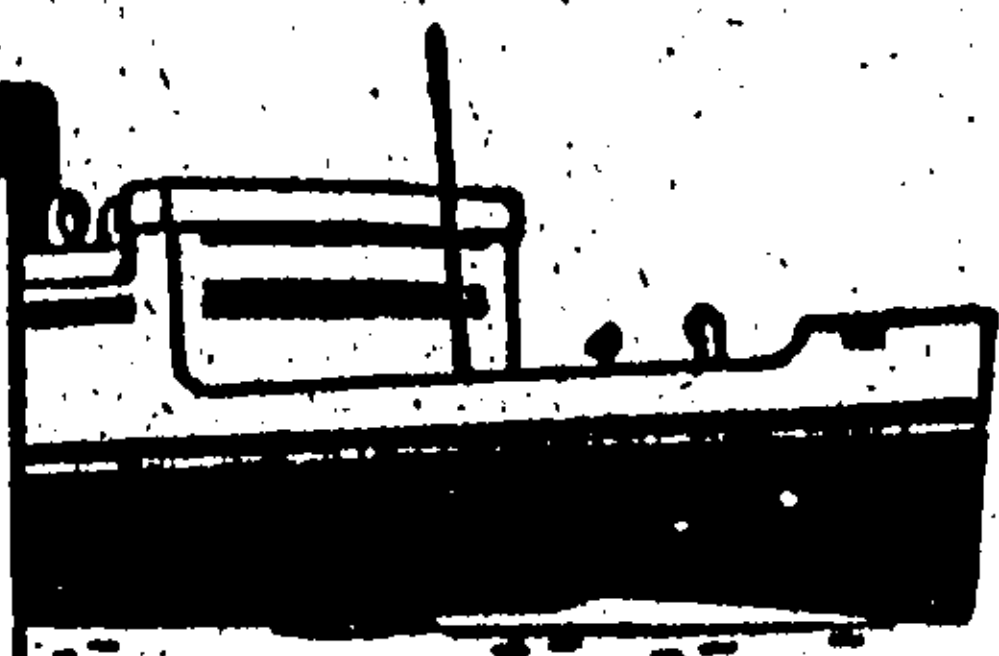
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Defendant had an indoor aerial and the set was not found until the Police were "tipped off."

Defendant was fined \$10.

Wong Pui-long of No 131, Connaught Road West, was fined \$10 for a similar offence

### WARDER'S HEAVY LOSS AT STANLEY

Warder Ghulam Risoul, of Stanley Prison, had a camphorwood box with money and clothing to the value of \$1,935 40 stolen yesterday.

The culprit entered the Warder's quarters through an open window and removed the box.

The box and clothing valued at \$117.40 were later recovered by the Police on the hillside near the Prison.

## MAJESTIC THEATRE CASE OPENS

THE MAJESTIC THEATRE TICKETS CASE COMMENCED THIS MORNING AT THE SUPREME COURT BEFORE SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR WHEN CHUI SHUI-PO, HEAD SHROFF AND TICKET SELLER, WAS CHARGED WITH UTTERING A FORGED TICKET ON DECEMBER 19, 1939, AND ON EIGHT COUNTS OF UTTERING FORGED TICKETS ON FEBRUARY 13.

Mr. E. H. Williams, assisted by Sergeant N. B. Fraser, was for the prosecution, while accused was defended by Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr., instructed by Mr. D. McCallum.

The jury was composed of Messrs. L. B. Warren (foreman), Wong Kwok-king, Wong Man-kit, B. Agafuroff, J. B. Tam, Wong Kin-wah and Fung Ping-san.

Mr. Williams said accused was employed at the Majestic Theatre as a ticket seller in the Dress circle booking booth and his duties included also the collection of takings from the sellers at the other booking stalls.

The Cinema company had for the past 10 years printed their tickets at the Albert Printing Press. Some 10,000 tickets were ordered at a time, made up in books of 100.

On December 19, Sergeant Fraser bought two tickets for the 9 p.m. performance. On receiving the tickets, he noticed that they were not exactly alike in colour and that in spite of the fact that they had been bought together, the numbers were not consecutive. He later handed the tickets to Sergeant Johnston.

On February 13 at about 7.20, Mr. Golding, manager of the Theatre, saw one of the collectors with a number of counterfoils of Dress Circle tickets took them from him, and later, at home, found that eight were forgeries. He informed the police and Sergeant Pope visited the theatre and took a date stamp, and the cash book and arrested accused. The cash was checked with the counterfoils and tallied, though the forged tickets were entered as having been sold the previous day.

Accused, when charged, said he knew nothing about the forgeries.

### EMPLOYED SIX YEARS

Sergeant Moran, who took photographs of the dates stamped on the forged and genuine tickets, said they were made by the same chop, the one that had been seized.

Mr. C. Golding, manager of the theatre, said accused had been employed by the theatre for over 6 years. The counterfoils were not a sure check on sales as sometimes all seats were not taken up.

Case is proceeding.

### COMPANY MEETING

## PROFITABLE YEAR FOR ROPE CO.

"I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT WE HAVE STARTED THE YEAR WELL AND HOPE THAT THE PRESENT DEMAND FOR CORDAGE WILL CONTINUE," SAID MR. A. L. SHIELDS, CHAIRMAN, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THIS MORNING OF THE HONG KONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. MR. SHIELDS WAS SUPPORTED BY SIR ROBERT HO TUNG, MR. J. P. BRAGA, MR. S. T. WILLIAMSON, DIRECTORS, AND MR. F. J. TAVARES, SECRETARY.

The chairman said:—

Competition is still very keen, but I am pleased to be able to report that our sales of rope during the year under review exceeded those of the previous year. You will see in the profit and loss account that the profit on working is \$112,945.47. This, compared with the figures for 1938, shows an increase of about 38 per cent.

With regard to our properties, there was a constant demand for Chinese flats during the past year and all the 112 flats of the 28 houses at Kennedy Town continue to be fully occupied. The factory buildings at Ma-tau-kok are also in occupation.

The stocks and stores have been valued, as usual, at cost or under, and depreciation on buildings, etc. has been calculated on the usual basis. Additional depreciation of \$30,000 has been provided in respect of plant and machinery to allow for further replacements, etc. and the amount has been debited to profit and loss account.

### NEW MACHINES

The war in Europe has affected delivery of some machines ordered last year, but these have now arrived and are in course of erection at the factory.

You will also observe in the profit and loss account a return of the general managers' commission to the minimum authorised by the Articles of Association, which was reduced voluntarily to 50 per cent. in 1935 and subsequently raised to 75 per cent. in 1938.

The staff and workers deserve the bonus recommended by your board and I trust that the same will receive your approval.

Now, as regards the prospects for the current year, I am glad to say that we have started the year well and hope that the present demand for cordage will continue. In view of the present uncertain conditions I cannot say more than that.

I do not think that there are any other items in the accounts that need special comment, and I therefore propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed, and that the amount of \$170,390.30 at credit of profit and loss account be appropriated as follows:—

Pay a dividend of 50 cents per share, absorbing ...	\$100,000.00
Pay a bonus to Staff and Workers .....	5,507.00
And carry forward to 1940 Account .....	64,883.30
	170,390.30

The resolution was seconded by Mr. S. T. Williamson and carried unanimously. Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly Kadoorie were re-elected directors, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors.

Paris, To-day.

Charged with distributing literature, 38 Communists have been arrested in the Paris area.—Reuter.

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## HOCKEY PLAYER MARRIED

The wedding was solemnised in the Lady Chapel, St. John's Cathedral, at 5 p.m. yesterday of Mrs. Sybil Gardner (nee Sybil Dalziel), twin daughter of Captain and Mrs. O. C. Dalziel of Shanghai, and Richard Innes Groundwater, elder son of the late Captain R. G. Groundwater and Mrs. J. Groundwater of Helena May Institute, Hong Kong. The Very Reverend Dean Wilson officiated.

A departure from the traditional white was seen in the pretty picture gown of French blue lace worn by the bride. Cut on Princess lines, it was given a high neckline, draped bodice and long sleeves, and was worn over a matching taffeta slip. Her headdress was a charming affair which combined a shoulder length veil of pale blue with a small cap of blue taffeta flowers, and she carried a bouquet of Irises and Anemones.

Mrs. G. C. Burnett, twin sister of the bride, acted as matron-of-honour and was her only attendant. Her full-skirted gown of pink Chantilly lace provided a pretty contrast. It was worn over a matching slip and fashioned with a round neckline. A pale pink cap of flowers, matched with a veil, and a bouquet of pastel shaded carnations completed her outfit.

Also present at the ceremony were the bride's mother, Mrs. O. C. Dalziel, and the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. J. Groundwater, both of whom chose navy blue as the basic colour of their attractive ensembles. The first being a dress of figured crepe over which was worn a coat of navy blue, and matched with accessories of the same shade, and the second a combination of that ever popular team, navy blue and white.

Diana was responsible for the bridal gown and going-away dress of the bride, and the frocks worn by the matron-of-honour, and the bride's mother.

Captain O. C. Dalziel gave the bride away, and Mr. R. C. Allan performed the duties of bestman.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at 22 Stubbs Road, after which the happy couple left for Repulse Bay where the honeymoon is to be spent. The newlyweds will shortly be leaving for Australia.

For her going away dress Mrs. Groundwater chose a Muss model of grey crepe, trimmed with green, and off-set with grey accessories.

## SNATCHING CASES

Four months' hard labour and ten strokes were imposed by Mr. E. Hims-worth this morning on Chung Hak-yan, 32, and Lu Pun, 30, for snatching handbags from two women.

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Your  
Baby  
Backward



If baby is not progressing as you would wish, if he fails to gain weight, is weak and ailing, he may be troubled with worms, a common cause of mal-nutrition and retarded growth.

When such is the case a gratifying improvement is usually noticeable after a dose or two of Baby's Own Tablets, one effect of which is to expel worms.

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The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says let there be harmony he's talking about a quartet.

## DEATH OF MR. LI CHOR-CHI

Mr. Li Chor-chi, accountant of the Oversea Chinese Banking Corporation and secretary of the Ho Hong Company, passed away at 7.15 a.m. to-day at the Queen Mary Hospital.

He had been in hospital since Friday suffering from acute gastric trouble.

The late Mr. Li Chor-chi was 52 and a bachelor. He was a highly popular amateur tenor and organised many concerts on behalf of charities. His home, The Corner House, Kai Tak, was open to all of musical tastes.

He leaves two sisters and two brothers to mourn his loss, Mr. Wm. Yin-son Lee; Mr. James Zeemin Lee (now in Shanghai, Mrs. Rose Chow (daughter-in-law of Sir Shouson Chow) and Mrs. Alice Chow, wife of Mr. C. L. Chow, B.A.

Funeral arrangements will be announced to-morrow.

In lieu of flowers, friends are requested to send donations in memory of the late Mr. Li Chor-chi to the Chungshan Refugee Fund.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 25/32. Silver was quoted at 20-13/16 spot and 20-13/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was £U.S.\$402.50 and New York/London £—U.S.\$375-3/8.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

No. 35 Hankow Road, Kowloon, at their Sales room.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

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also A Few Pieces of Blackwood Furniture and

One Steel Filing Cabinet.

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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.  
Hong Kong, 19th March, 1940.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 21st March 1940 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March 1940 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P & O Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company.

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July 1940 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

## YOUR LUCK

On family, profession, love, health, income, expenses, unexpected fortunes & misfortunes, journeys, lucky days, colour, number, luck in lottery, race, etc., and other important events, by monthly details for one year \$4. Weekly \$14. Correct answers for five questions about future \$2. Payable in advance. Your country currency or B. P.O. accepted. State birth details or sex, age, profession and writing time.

V. K. SATAGOPACHARIAR, Hanuman Jothisha Ashramam, TIRUTANI, (S. India).

## KAI TAK AIRPORT DANCE

The above Dance will take place at the Peninsula Hotel, Rose Room, on THURSDAY, March 21st, and not as previously advertised March 22nd, (Good Friday).

Tickets and Bookings already made are good for THURSDAY, March 21st.

## A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, to FRIDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1940, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers,  
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD General Managers,

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th March, 1940, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 12 Noon and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 10.45 a.m. on both days.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

G. R. BROWN,

Secretary,  
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1940.





Recital By  
Caroline Braga  
From The Studio

## To-day's Wireless

Beethoven Symphony  
By Vienna Symphony  
Orchestra

6.00 p.m.—A Ballad Concert.  
6.28 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-  
tions.  
6.30 p.m.—Half An Hour of Dance  
Music.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—"These  
Strangers within our Gates". Stories  
about foreigners.  
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather  
Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Lawrence Tibbett (Barito-  
ne) Winnie Melville (Soprano)  
and De Groot & His Orchestra.

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.  
9.52 Megacycles

8.45 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by  
Caroline Braga.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-  
mary.  
9.30 p.m.—Songs by Tito Schipa  
(Tenor).  
Plaisir D'Amour (De Florian, Martini); O  
Del Mio Amato Ben (Donaudy)....with  
Orchestral accomp.

9.40 p.m.—Cello Solos by Pau Casals.  
Vito (Spanish Dance), Op. 54, No. 5 (Pop-  
per); Spanish Dance (Rondalla Ara-

gonese—Granados); Goyescas—Inter-  
mezzo. (Granados); Toccata In G Major  
—Adagio (Bach)....with Piano accomp.  
9.55 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No.  
9 In D Minor, Op. 125 ("Choral")  
Felix Weingartner and Vienna Phil-  
harmonic Orchestra.  
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

### GEN. WAVELL TO FLY TO THE RAND

Capetown, To-day.  
General Wavell, Commander-in-  
Chief of British Forces in the Middle  
East, will fly from Capetown to the  
Rand to-day in a South African Air  
Force bomber.

General Wavell, who arrived on  
Sunday for consultations with the  
Union Government, yesterday visited  
various defence points on the Cape  
peninsula.

He lunched with the Governor-  
General and Lady Duncan and dined  
last night with General Smuts, the  
Prime Minister.—Reuter.

### PRECARIOUS SUPPLY ROUTE

Basle, To-day.  
Swiss newspapers believe that an  
increase in German coal deliveries  
to Italy via the Brenner Pass is only  
possible if tremendous efforts are  
made and a precise time tabling and  
organisation is introduced.

The slightest interruption will en-  
danger the whole.—Reuter.

### GERMAN SHIP SEIZED BY NAVY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Gibraltar, To-day.  
A German ship captured in the  
South Atlantic last week has arrived  
here with a British prize crew on  
board. She is being put into drydock  
for inspection.—Havas.

### FRENCH CABINET REORGANISATION

London, To-day.  
According to a French radio an-  
nouncement the reorganisation of the  
French Cabinet is imminent.—Reuter.

### COLONY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Results of Colony chess matches during  
the past week:—

E. Zimmern beat B. S. Litvin.  
A. Kurrik beat D. E. de Carvalho.  
B. S. Litvin beat K. Weiss.  
D. E. de Carvalho beat E. Zimmern.  
K. M. A. Barnett beat V. V. Kalatchoff.  
A. Biriukoff drew with Sir H. Pollock.  
Positions of the competitors to date fol-  
low:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
E. Zimmern	8	7	0	1	7
K. M. A. Barnett	6	5	0	1	5
B. S. Litvin	8	5	0	3	5
K. Weiss	8	5	0	3	5
Sir H. Pollock	8	4	2	2	5
D. E. de Carvalho	7	3	0	4	3
A. Kurrik	7	2	1	4	2½
A. Biriukoff	7	1	2	4	2
L. Blair	6	1	0	5	1
V. V. Kalatchoff	7	0	1	6	½

### U.S. TO RESUME RELATIONS WITH REICH ?

Washington, To-day.  
According to the "Baltimore Sun"  
President Roosevelt is considering the  
resumption of full diplomatic rela-  
tions with Germany and his choice of  
Ambassador in Berlin will probable  
be Mr. Clarence Piccatt, a leading fig-  
ure in Quaker relief and peace activi-  
ties.—Reuter.

### DR. CLODIUS ARRIVES IN BUCHAREST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.  
Dr. Clodius, the Nazi trade expert,  
has arrived here with his wife and  
seven economic advisors. It is assum-  
ed a commercial pact is in the air.—  
Havas.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the  
Board of Directors of the Bank of  
China and head of the Bank of  
Canton, boarded a plane for Chung-  
king yesterday.

## Winning CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

David Bruce Burnstone, Merwin D. Muler, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schen-  
ken . . . World's leading Team-of-Four, Inventors of the system that has  
beaten every other system in existence.

### A MORAL VICTORY

In yesterday's hand Howard Schen-  
ken, holding a nine-card suit, won a  
moral victory by making a sacrifice  
Grand Slam bid. To-day we find an-  
other nine-card suit, and since they  
occur so rarely, we do not expect to  
see another one this year.

North, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

Mr. Schenken

♠ Q 8 6 3

♥ A 10 7 5 2

♦ —

♣ K 9 8 4

Mr. Rose

♠ A J 9 7 2

♥ K Q J 4 3

♦ —

♣ J 10 5

Mr. Jacoby

♠ A J 9 7 2

♥ K Q J 4 3

♦ —

♣ J 10 5

Mr. Burnstone

♠ A J 9 7 2

♥ K Q J 4 3

♦ —

♣ J 10 5

Mr. Schenken

♠ Q 8 6 3

♥ A 10 7 5 2

♦ —

♣ K 9 8 4

Mr. Jacoby

♠ A J 9 7 2

♥ K Q J 4 3

♦ —

♣ J 10 5

Mr. Burnstone

♠ A J 9 7 2

♥ K Q J 4 3

♦ —

♣ J 10 5

Mr. Schenken

♠ Q 8 6 3

♥ A 10 7 5 2

♦ —

♣ K 9 8 4

Mr. Jacoby

♠ A J 9 7 2

♥ K Q J 4 3

♦ —

♣ J 10 5

tion of East, every one had a freak  
hand. When the bidding reached  
seven diamonds, Mr. Schenken, being  
undecided as to whether or not the  
contract could be defeated, left the de-  
cision to his partner. And while Mr.  
Rose thought that his Ace of spades  
might take a trick, he finally con-  
cluded that it was safer to incur a  
small penalty. Mr. Rose was set only  
two tricks, whereas the diamond  
Grand Slam would have been a lay-  
down.

You were Howard Schenken's part-  
ner yesterday and held:

♠ A Q x x x  
♥ J 10 x x  
♦ x x  
♣ J x

The bidding:

Burnstone	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
What do you lead?			

ANSWER: Lead your fourth-best  
spade. With a five-card suit you  
should be willing to give up one trick  
as you then have a good chance of  
winning four spade tricks.

Score 100% for a spade, 80% for a  
heart, 0 for any other lead.

QUESTION NO. 363

David Bruce Burnstone is your part-  
ner to-day and you hold:

♠ K Q J 10 x  
♥ K x x x  
♦ Q J x  
♣ x

The bidding:

Major	You	Jacoby	Burnstone
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
(?)			
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)			

(Revised by The Bell Syndicate,  
Inc.)

We believe this hand constitutes one  
of the greatest freaks we have ever  
seen, and we wish to assure our read-  
ers that it actually occurred in a Rubber  
Bridge game at the  
Harmonie Club in New  
York City. Actually,  
Howard Schenken,  
who dealt the hand,  
found himself winning  
another moral victory,  
due to the fact that  
his partner, Albert  
Rose, made the brilliant sacrifice  
Grand Slam bid.

It is worthy of note that at no time  
did any one of the four players make  
a jump bid although, with the excep-



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## CRICKET NOTES

PROPOSED "REST" TEAM  
TO MEET CHAMPIONSREMEDIOS  
AT HEAD  
OF BOWLING  
AVERAGES

(By "ADREM")

Only one League cricket match was played over the week-end, it being between Recreio and R.A.F., in Junior Division.

As a result of that match, A. E. Noronha, who made 53 not out, has moved to joint fourth place in the batting averages, while M. A. Remedios, who returned the startling analysis of 6 for 9, moves to the head of the bowling list with an average of 4.30 for 10 wickets. This is the first occasion that Remedios has appeared in this list.

BATTING  
(Qualification—3 inns. av. of 15 and over.)

	N.	R.	S.	Avge.
Major Swyers (Army)	5	3	103	33 51.50
W. Ali (I.R.C.)	3	2	44	18* 44.00
Brig. MacLeod (Army)	4	1	118	108* 35.33
Lt. Fargus (Army)	3	1	68	56 34.00
A. E. Noronha (Rec.)	4	2	88	53* 34.00
H. A. Barros (Rec.)	6	1	169	55* 33.50
G. M. S. Paterson (Army)	3	0	91	83 30.33
C. Pope (Police)	3	0	179	49 29.83
J. A. Soares (Rec.)	3	2	29	17* 29.00
U. A. Esmail (C.C.C.)	3	2	26	13* 26.00
R. M. Soares (Univ.)	4	1	77	45* 25.67
T. Lock (C.C.C.)	6	2	100	50* 25.00
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	5	0	121	44 24.20
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	5	1	92	46 23.00
K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	5	0	112	54 22.40
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	3	1	168	49* 22.29
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)	3	0	66	33 22.00
G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.)	5	0	111	66 22.00
H. M. Xavier (Rec.)	5	4	87	58* 21.75
Capt. Lawrence (Army)	6	0	124	41 20.67
C. W. Lam (C.C.C.)	5	1	82	26* 20.50
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)	5	2	61	24* 20.33
P. H. Loughlin (Police)	6	0	119	36 19.83
T. T. Chin (Univ.)	3	0	57	44 19.00
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	7	3	75	27* 18.75
M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)	5	0	90	30 18.00
J. E. Noronha (Rec.)	3	0	54	32 18.00
A. M. Prata (Rec.)	4	0	70	33 17.50
R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	7	0	121	37 17.29
F. H. Carvalho (Rec.)	3	1	34	25* 17.00
G. Stone (C.S.C.C.)	8	0	101	33 16.83
W. L. Clarke (Police)	6	0	101	36 16.83
H. Danbrowsky (Police)	6	1	83	34 16.60
F. A. Curraem (I.R.C.)	6	0	97	32 16.17
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	7	0	111	27 15.86
J. L. Stephens (Police)	6	1	77	44 15.40
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	5	0	76	28 15.20
J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.)	4	0	60	38 15.00

BOWLING  
(Qualification—3 matches; 5 wks.; av. of 15 and under.)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
M. A. Remedios	12.3	3	43	10	4.30
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	10	1	52	10	5.20
H. Danbrowsky (Police)	18.5	1	112	17	6.59
Y. T. Barma (I.R.C.)	29.7	4	97	14	6.93
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)	42.1	5	168	21	7.52
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)	23.4	7	56	7	8.00
A. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	34.6	5	117	14	8.36
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	42.6	4	179	20	8.95
Pte. Hatfield (Army)	24.4	8	63	7	9.00
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	59.5	8	198	21	9.33
A. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	56	11	188	20	9.40
J. E. Noronha (Rec.)	31.3	3	113	12	9.42
Lt. Peal (Army)	17	2	97	10	9.70
B. R. Iranee (C.C.C.)	24	3	96	9	10.67
E. Gillespie (R.A.F.)	42.2	3	171	16	10.69
Cpl. Blount (Army)	11	1	33	3	11.00
F. Forrest (Police)	15.6	2	80	7	11.43
G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.)	27.6	2	118	10	11.80
C. Pope (Police)	53	4	209	18	13.06
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	55.5	6	230	17	13.53
N. Singh (Univ.)	44.5	1	248	18	13.81
Lt. Fargus (Army)	18	0	75	5	15.00

## SCHOOL SPORTS

2 RECORDS  
BROKEN AT  
LA SALLE

Two records were broken at La Salle Sports yesterday when L. Silva covered the 800 metres in 2 mins. 17 secs. for the Seniors and B. Alonco knocked 10 seconds off the junior record for the same distance in 2 mins. 27.5 secs.

At the conclusion of the Sports Mr. L. G. Morgan of Education Department presented the prizes.

The results were:

Scouts' Race (17th Kowloon Troop)—1, M.

REVIVAL OF OLD  
FIXTURE ENVISAGED

(By "ADREM")

EXCEPT for a Junior League match on Sunday, in which Recreio trounced Royal Air Force, the week-end, as far as cricket was concerned, was a complete blank.

Chief interest as far as Senior Division goes, will now be centred on the forthcoming match between Kowloon Cricket Club, the champions, and The Rest. Once a regular annual fixture, this match has not been played since the end of the 1935/6 season, when, coincidentally, K.C.C. were again champions.

The Hon. Secretary of the Cricket League informed me yesterday that no communication had yet been received from Kowloon, with whom the initiative lies for the arrangement of the match, but I have it on good authority that K.C.C. intend to ask for the fixture.

As it appears likely that this will be the only representative match senior cricketers are likely to have this season, I sincerely hope that every effort will be made to make it a success. Consequently, although it is usual for an afternoon only to be devoted to a game of this nature, I would like to see K.C.C. apply for a whole-day game in order that it might be a real test of skill.

If representation did not enter into the matter at all I would select the following twelve as being the most powerful that could be selected from among the rest:

Sgt. Webb (Army)  
\*Capt. D. C. E. Grose (Army)  
Capt. Skipworth (Army)  
H. L. Ozorio (Recreio)  
E. L. Gosano (Recreio)  
F. R. Zimmern (Craigengower)  
E. Zimmern (Craigengower) (Capt.)  
P. J. Billimoria (Craigengower)  
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)  
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)  
A. E. Perry (C.S.C.C.)  
J. E. Richardson (C.S.C.C.)  
\*Wicket-keeper.

The above team would take a lot of beating, being strong in batting and having a wealth of variety in the way of bowling. It has not been selected purely on the strength of League performances, for J. E. Richardson, Capt. Skipworth and possibly E. Zimmern would not get in, but on general form throughout the season.

I have nominated E. Zimmern skipper because he has probably played more cricket—for Craigengower and the Volunteers—than anyone else and has led his Club side throughout the season.

We shall see how far out this team is when the Cricket League announce their selections!

Ng and Hong Lau-chiu; 2, Kin Kun-chiu and Shui Kong-tso.

Potato Race (Midget and Sub-midget).—

1, B. Souza; 2, H. Melbye.

800 metres (Senior).—1, L. Silva; 2, F. Soares; 3, R. Remedios. Time: 2 mins. 17 secs. (Record).

800 metres (Junior).—1, B. Alonco; 2, G. Blone; 3, N. Xavier. Time: 2 mins. 27.5 secs. (Record).

Old Boys' Race (800 metres).—1, F. Gon-sales; 2, A. Sequeira.

Teachers' Race (Egg and Spoon Race).—

1, G. Lenz; 2, P. Ulrich.

1,500 metres (Senior).—1, L. Silva; 2, M. Xavier; 3, M. Chen. Time: 5 mins. 28 secs.

Obstacle Race (Midget and sub-midget).—

1, J. Barton; 2, L. Sequeira.

Boarders' Race (Senior).—1, A. Gottsche; 2, M. Matute.

Inter-School Relay.—1, Wah Yan; 2, Queen's College.

Inter-class Relay (Junior).—1, Class 3A; 2, Class 4A.

Inter-class Relay (Senior).—1, Class 2A; 2, Matric; 3, Class 3A.

Inter-class Relay (Midget).—1, Class 6A; 2, Class 5A; 3, Class 4A.

Tug-of-war, Inter-class (Junior).—Won by Class 3A. Runners-up Class 4A.

Tug-of-war, Inter-class (Senior).—Won by 3B. Runners-up Matric.

SENIOR  
SOCCER  
SITUATION

(By "REFEREE")

The runners-up position in First division of the Football League has reached a very interesting stage but in another fortnight things would have been sorted out better and a better indication as to the potential winner should be available.

At present Eastern stands a good chance of finishing up second, but they still have several tough games to play and against teams who have either beaten them in the First Round or given them a good game.

Eastern have still to meet Kowloon, Middlesex, Royal Scots and Club. Of these teams Club and Kowloon beat them, while Royal Scots gave them a hard fight.

Kowloon are still in the running but, with the exception of South China "A," they have still to meet all the Chinese teams.

Royal Scots and South China "B" still have an outside chance but have still to play Eastern and Kowloon.

Following are the remaining matches of each of the main clubs:

Eastern:—Kowloon (H), Middlesex (A), Royal Scots (A) and Club (H).

Kowloon:—Kwong Wah (H), Eastern (A), South China "B" (A), Saint Joseph's (H) and Royal Scots (H and A).

Royal Scots:—Eastern (H), Kowloon (H and A), Navy (A), Saint Joseph's (H) and Club (H).

South China "B" to play Kowloon, Middlesex, Saint Joseph's (H and A), Navy (H) and South China "A".

Should all these four clubs win their matches which is not possible, as they are meeting one another, the final positions would be

Eastern ..... 30 points

Kowloon ..... 28 points

South China "B" ..... 27 points

Royal Scots ..... 25 points

H.K. PLAYERS  
IN MACAO  
SOCCER XI

(By "REFEREE")

The Macao football team, which will visit the Colony during the week-end for the annual Interport, contains several players who have figured before in the First Division locally.

Lau Hing-choi, the pivot, formerly played for South China and, in 1938 played locally in the League, but for Macao in the interport.

His brother, Lau Chung-san, will be seen at inside-left, in which position he twice represented Hong Kong, while another player who played regularly in Hong Kong is Joapilho, who will be seen at inside-right. This player turned out regularly for Saint Joseph's several seasons ago, and was their most dangerous forward.

Bozas, the reserve goal-keeper, played for Kowloon for several seasons before his transfer to Macao and has also played in representative games here.

3 TEAMS  
IN RUNNING  
FOR TITLE

(By "ADREM")

With Kowloon Cricket Club the only Junior team to have completed League cricket fixtures for the season, the situation is nevertheless satisfactory and, provided there is not a succession of wet Saturdays, a couple of weeks and the season, as far as the League is concerned should be over.

At the moment Recreio are in the most favourable position for League honours as they are two points up on their nearest rivals, I.R.C. and Police, but as one of these fixtures is against I.R.C., and the other against Army, they are by no means out of the wood.

In addition to Recreio, I.R.C. have to play Civil Service, a match they should not have a great deal of difficulty in winning.

Police have a big obstacle, in Craigengower, before them but, like I.R.C., should win their remaining match, against R.A.F.

The position then is this; if Recreio beat I.R.C. they can afford to draw their remaining match with Army and, at worst, ensure a play-off with Police, provided the latter win both their matches. If I.R.C. beat Recreio they must also beat Civil Service to be safe. A draw between these two teams and a win for Recreio in their last match, and two Police wins would place I.R.C. out of the running and Recreio and Police would have to play-off.

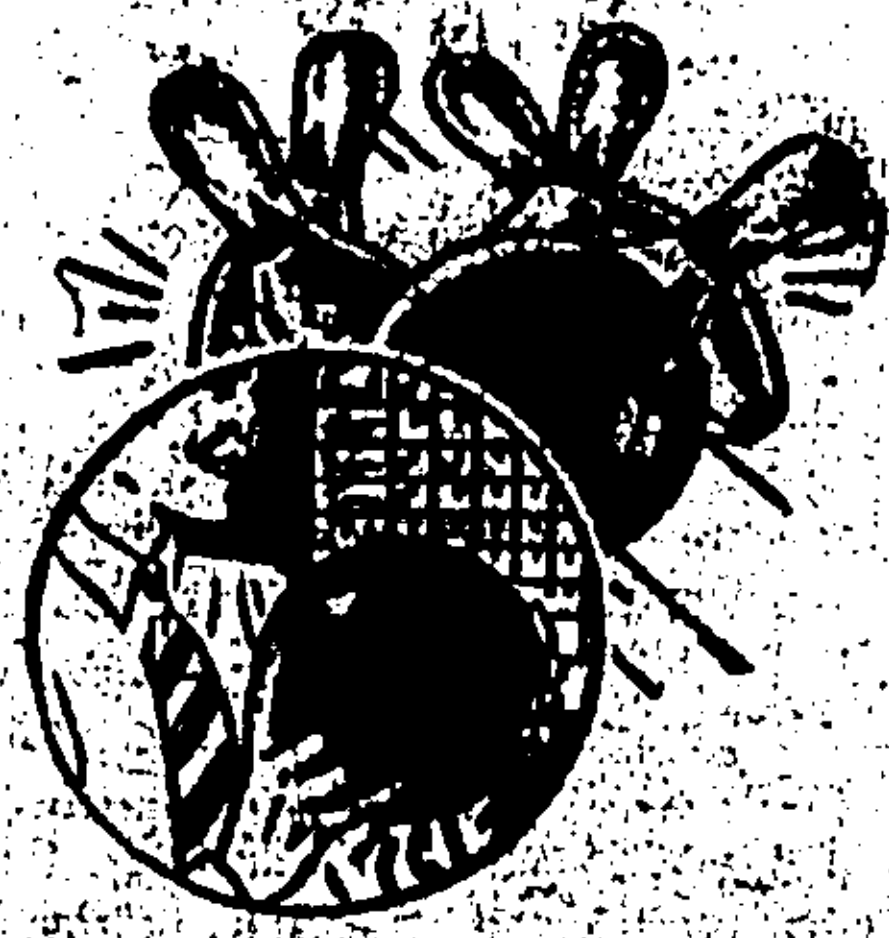
It is all very complicated; there are so many alternatives. I will give you the outstanding matches and you may then work it out for yourselves if interested.

I.R.C. v C.S.C.C.; I.R.C. v Recreio; Recreio v I.R.C.; Recreio v Army; Police v C.C.C.; Police v R.A.F.

Craigengower also have a very remote chance but it is very remote! Here are their fixtures: v Police; v C.S.C.C.

Following is the complete League table:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Recreio	8	5	1	0	15
I. R. C.	6	4	1	1	13
Police	6	4	1	1	13
K. C. C.	8	4	4	0	12
C. C. C.	6	3	2	1	10
Army	6	2	2	2	8
C. S. C. C.	6	1	3	2	5
R. A. F.	5	1	4	1	4
University	5	0	5	0	0

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## COLONY BADMINTON

## EARDLEYS AND N.L. SMITH IMPRESS AT TAIKOO

ALTHOUGH THE MATCHES in themselves were not particularly bright, two facts emerged from last night's Colony badminton encounters.

First is that Henry and Decima Eardley are going to take a lot of holding in the mixed doubles; second is that Norman Smith is practically a certainty for the junior singles.

## BIG MATCH TO-NIGHT

A match having a great bearing on the championship of Junior Division of the Badminton League will be played this evening at St. John's Cathedral Church Hall between St. John's and Recreio.

Both teams have only lost once, St. John's being surprisingly beaten by St. Andrew's, and Recreio, going down badly to St. John's in their first round fixture, but before, it must be admitted, they had settled on their team or found their form.

Recreio have two good pairs in A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros, and R. A. Marques and H. Gonsalves, but their third string, although improved somewhat by the inclusion of V. H. Oliveira, is a long way below the standard of the other combinations.

St. John's are very well balanced and on their own courts should win.

Other matches should result in easy wins for St. Teresa's and St. Andrew's.

**PROGRAMME**  
St. Teresa's v. V. R. C.  
St. John's v. Recreio  
K. C. C. v. St. Andrew's  
St. Teresa's—A. Ulrich and F. Tsang;  
John Chen and F. Chong; Peter Lo and J. Tsang.  
St. Andrew's—H. Kew and E. F. Fincher;  
B. Gillies and A. E. Brown; A. E. P. Guest and A. S. Bliss.  
St. John's—P. Wilson and N. L. Smith;  
H. Eardley and R. Beavan; F. Kwok and D. Kwok.  
Recreio—A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros;  
R. A. Marques and H. Gonsalves; N. Beltrao and V. H. Oliveira.

Smith's treatment of K. L. Lui, who, with H. T. Woo has been one of the most successful players in "B" Division, was severe to say the least. Driving, smashing and, withal, using a most delicate cross drop, Smith swept through the first game at express speed to win without the concession of an ace.

Lui did somewhat better in the second game and managed to secure 11 aces but there was never very much doubt that Smith would go out in straight games.

## EASY WIN

On the surface it would appear that David Kwok and Mrs. Wilson extended the Eardleys in the first game. Actually, however, the latter secured a long lead, doing pretty much as they liked, and then obviously slackened off. In the second game they swept through to provide the second love-game of the evening.

As expected, M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Silva proved far too good for the K.C.C. combination of A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth. The latter pair showed little understanding and were outmatched in all departments.

Oliveira smashed with his usual vigour, and Silva's accurate short game made many of the openings for that smashing.

At King's College, C. Au and Patrick Wong, one of the strongest pairs in the competition, were not sufficiently extended by H. Gonsalves and R. Marques to enable any estimate to be made of their capabilities. The Recreio pair played very pluckily under the circumstances and, although beaten, were by no means disgraced.

## RESULTS

**MIXED DOUBLES**  
H. Eardley and Miss Decima Eardley beat D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson, 15-12, 15-0.

**JUNIOR SINGLES**  
N. L. Smith beat K. L. Lui, 15-0, 15-11.

**MEN'S DOUBLES**  
M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, 15-11, 15-9.  
C. Au and P. H. Wong beat R. Marques and H. F. Gonsalves, 15-7, 15-2 (King's College).

## APPLY CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING TO GREEN

## By BEST BALL

In putting the right mental slant will do much to right angle the ball into the cup. Mental concentration should be as intense as possible yet leave the muscles and body free from tension. At times this is a difficult performance for the golfer, under pressure of fast tournament play and close scoring, often finds his nerves so taut that bodily relaxation presents a major problem.

All instructors are agreed that a comfortable relaxed stance and stroke are best suited for accurate putting. The difficult part about gaining such a desired condition belongs largely to the mental side. Let the golfer form the habit of being keenly aware of just what each putt entails in the way of power, line and accuracy and then concentrate on stroking the ball correctly with a stroke that registers little of the pressure that is placed upon it. Walter Travis, starting golf late in life, was adept at such procedure and it was largely well directed practice which gave him the technique. If the average player would start to give the game a portion of the same attention that Travis gave it,



Noel Hammond, snapped on his arrival with the Shanghai Interport swimming team in 1935.

## LAWN BOWLS

## ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 29

A Council meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association was held in the Board Room of the "S. C. M. Post" yesterday, and it was arranged that the annual meeting of the Association be held in the same Board Room on Friday, March 29.

Mr. Gutierrez said that last year's working showed a profit of \$308, as against a loss of \$181 the previous year.

A letter from Mr. B. W. Bradbury, who is on leave, concerning the seeding of certain players in the forthcoming championship this season, was read and it was recommended that the letter be brought forward to the annual meeting.

A suggestion for a \$50 donation to the Children's Playground Association will also be submitted to the annual meeting, as will also a proposal that the League Bowls be maintained.

## ST. PAUL'S SPORTS

The 31st annual athletic sports of St. Paul's College will be held on the South China A.A. ground, Caroline Hill, on March 29 from 1.30 to 6 p.m. Mrs. E. G. Stewart will distribute the prizes.

## CRACK SHANGHAI SWIMMER IN H.K.

In view of the approach of the local swimming season, enthusiasts will be interested to learn of the recent arrival in the Colony of Noel Hammond, who has been described as the greatest sprint swimmer Shanghai has ever produced.

A beautiful stylist, Hammond has been, and is the holder of numerous records. He has represented Shanghai against Hong Kong in the Interport match and last visited the Colony in 1935, when the local team were successful. That, incidentally, was the last Interport contest held.

Hammond captained the Shanghai team which lost by 30 points to Hong Kong's 57. On that occasion, two Colony and Interport records were smashed. Lau Po-hei, lowered the time for the 100 yards' backstroke to 69 seconds—bettered by himself the following year—but Hammond stole all the thunder, when he inflicted on Lawrence, his first defeat for two years, in winning the 100 yards in a record-breaking effort of 56-2/5 seconds, which still stands as the fastest time returned in Colony and Interport swimming.

That was Hammond's only win. He came second to Lawrence in the 220 and was third in the 100 yards' backstroke, Lau and Lawrence finishing before him. He also took part in the relays and the water-polo.

Interviewed yesterday, Hammond modestly declined to supply his Shanghai records, nor would he give any information on his career as a swimmer. He said he would be staying in Hong Kong for an indefinite period but has not yet made up his mind as to whether he will participate locally in competitive swimming.

Hammond, prior to his arrival here, was stationed in Tientsin.

## TO-DAY'S TENNIS

## GOOD DOUBLES MATCH

Provided rain does not wash out tennis for the third day in succession, there should be a good doubles encounter in the Colony championships at Hong Kong Cricket Club to-day.

It will be between Paul Kong and Szeto Bick, who knocked out last year's runners-up, Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau, in the first round, and the promising Recreio combination of A. V. Remedios and John Gonsalves.

The Chinese pair are very steady, with retrieving their forte, while Remedios and Gonsalves play a dashing brand of tennis. If the latter can strike their form early, they might manage to win before their opponents have found their touch, but I feel that if the match goes the whole distance, the greater experience of the Chinese will carry them through.

Tsui Yan-pui and S. A. Rumjahn will both be on view in singles matches but neither are likely to be seriously extended.

## PROGRAMME

## OPEN SINGLES

S. A. Rumjahn v. S. A. Gray (3).  
A. Lade v. B. C. Fay (7).  
Tsui Yan-pui or J. L. C. Pearce v. R. G. Blesel Jr. (2).

## OPEN DOUBLES

J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios v. Paul Kong and B. Szeto (8).

## HANDICAP SINGLES

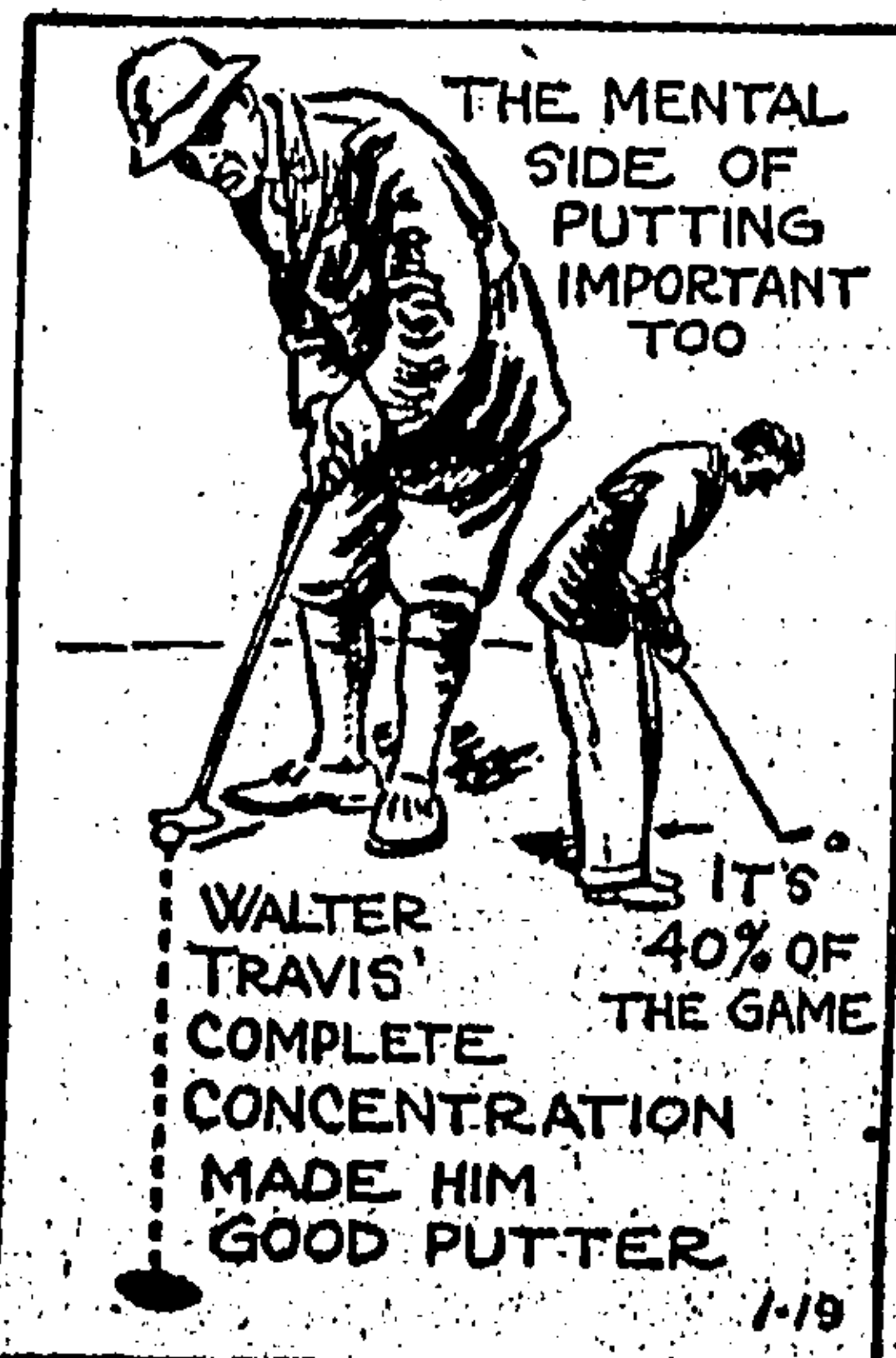
W. M. Barton (-3/8) v. M. Pagh (-30.3) (1).

D. S. Robb (-1.2/8) v. G. C. Burnett (-15) (8).

## HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

P. W. Blyth and Miss B. Fair (scratch) v. Lieut. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill (-15.2) (3).  
B. O'M. Deane and Miss D. Eardley (-15.3) v. V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Ralph (scratch) (4).

## GRAPHIC GOLF



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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Inland Lot No. 5748.	Opposite Inland Lot No. 2336, Tsol Tak Street, Wong Nei Chung.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 3,470	\$64	\$10,410
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2774.	Opposite of Sun Wing Road & Shamshuipo, Shamshuipo.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 5,100	\$72	\$5,230
			As per sale plan						

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### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4237.	Near Kowloon Island Lot No. 3386, Nathan Road, Kowloon.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 2,850	\$52	\$2,700
			As per Sale Plan						

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### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2775.	Between the Causeway Road and Wing Lung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 6,118	\$84	\$8,110
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# HUNGARY ANXIOUS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF BRENNER TALKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

**DEEP INTEREST IS SHOWN** by political circles here in connexion with the trip to Rome of Count Teleki, the Hungarian Prime Minister.

It is pointed out that Count Teleki is going to Rome a few days after the Hitler-Mussolini conversations and a few days before the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, is to visit Rome.

**Balkan problems were certainly discussed at the Brenner meeting but it is not known if Mussolini and Hitler succeeded in conciliating the divergent Italian and German views.**

While Germany aims principally to obtain Rumanian materials and is ready to secure them either by pressure of force or acts of friendship, Italy has always supported the Hungarian claims, which include the return to Hungary of a substantial part of the present Rumanian territory.

Apparently Count Teleki will investigate in Rome the political conditions in which the Brenner talks have placed his country.

The issue at present at stake is of paramount importance for Hungary, as Mussolini's agreement with Hitler's views would create an extremely delicate situation for Budapest.

## HUNGARY'S RIGHTS

In case of German aggression against Rumania, Hungary would be bound

to serve as territory for the passage of German troops, while a German rapprochement with Rumania would probably provide for a German guarantee of the Rumanian frontiers, thus blocking for an indefinite time the Hungarian territorial claims.—Havas.

## RUSSO-FINNISH PEACE RATIFICATIONS

Moscow, To-day.

Ratifications of the Russo-Finnish Peace Pact are to be exchanged as soon as the approval of the Supreme Soviet Council is obtained. M. Passikivi, the Finnish representative, is now in Moscow with the ratification of Finland.—Reuter.



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Macao, To-day.

Starvation is being faced by thousands of refugees in Chinese territory along the Macao-Chungshan border.

Many have already died from cold and hunger.

Charitable organisations are working feverishly to cope with the situation and appeals for assistance have been sent to similar organisations in Hong Kong.

No reliable news is available of the situation beyond the border but reports of continued looting and raping by Japanese troops are still coming in.—Our Own Correspondent.

Two Kowloon cases of smallpox were notified to the Health Department yesterday. In Kowloon, also, there were one diphtheria case, one scarlet fever, and three meningitis. In Victoria, there were two typhoid cases. Typhoid and meningitis cases were also notified from the New Territories.

## DEATH

LI—At the Queen Mary Hospital on Wednesday, 20th March 1940, Mr. Li Chor Chi, aged 52 years. Funeral arrangements to-morrow.

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